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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## The Question You Must Answer

by Evangelist Hyman J. Appelman, D.D.

"While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David."—Matt. 22:41, 42.

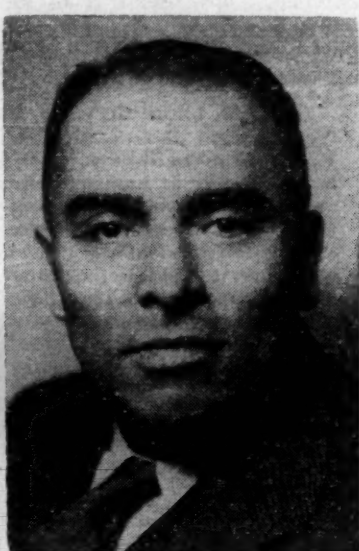
The reason I call this question, "The Question You Must Answer," is very simple. You know there are a lot of questions that are propounded to us, not only in our lifetime, but every day. Some of them we do not have to answer; we do not have to worry about at all. As soon as they suggest themselves to us, whether in our minds, or whether people press them in words upon our hearts, we just shrug our shoulders, shifting them off from us. This question we cannot escape.

If I were to ask you what you had for breakfast this morning, you would have the answer, "That's none of your business." If I were to ask you how much money you have in the bank, you would have the right to say, "That's some more none of your business." If I were to ask you who you voted for in the last election, you could still say, "That's some more, some more none of your business." But, brother, sister, you cannot escape this question, "What think ye of Christ?"

Unsaved people have a peculiar idea about their relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ, about the obedience that the world owes to the Son of God. They have an idea—both you and I have heard them say it—that the only ones who are supposed to love, to obey the Lord Jesus Christ are Christians. That is as far from the truth as it can possibly be. Every man, woman and child in all the world, aye, listen, every animal,

every bird, every tree, all nature, the stars, the moon, the sun, the whole universe, has to answer this question, "What think ye of Christ?" Jesus Christ said, "All authority is given unto me, in Heaven and in earth." That means ALL AUTHORITY.

We who are the children of God must ask ourselves that question day and night. There is only one hope for our living a consistent, consecrated, concentrated, conquering Christian life. That is in relation to the way we answer this question, "What think ye of Christ?" It is not a matter of going out and winning the lost. It is the matter of "What think ye of Christ?" It is not a matter of tithing. It is the matter of "What think ye of Christ?" If you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, your Lord and Master, you are going to tithe; you are going to strive to win the lost;



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you are going to live a separated Christian life; you are going to join some church, to go to work for the Son of God.

This is the saving or the damning question for all those who are out of Christ. The question is not, "What do you think of the preacher?" That does not matter very much. The question is not, "What do you think of the church?" That does not matter very much.

I have determined in my soul, God giving me the grace, whenever I am given an opportunity, to say a good word for my mother in Christ, the Church of the living God. We all ought to go out to brag about it, to talk about it. Oh, yes, I know. It is bad, lots of hypocrites in it, all the rest of it. But, I say to you, my friends, that there are more good people in the Church, a hundred times over, THAN in any and every other organization in the world.

That, however, is not the question. The question is not, "What

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## THE BIBLE

By Charles H. Spurgeon

"I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing."—Hosea 8:12.

This is God's complaint against Ephraim. It is no mean proof of His goodness, that He stoops to rebuke His erring creatures; it is a great argument of His gracious disposition, that He bows His head to notice terrestrial affairs.

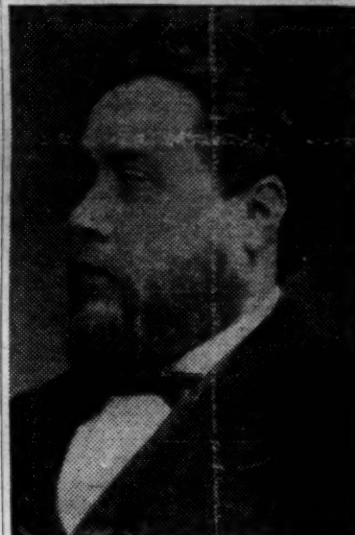
He, might, if He pleased, wrap Himself with night as with a garment; He might put the stars around His wrist for bracelets and bind the suns around His brow for a coronet; He might dwell alone, far, far above this world, up in the seventh heaven, and look down with calm and silent indifference upon all the doings of His creatures; He might do as the heathens supposed their Jove did—sit in perpetual silence, sometimes nodding His awful head to make the fates move as He pleased, but never taking thought of the little things of earth, disposing of them as beneath His notice, engrossed within His own being, swallowed up within Himself, living alone and retired; and I, as one of His creatures, might stand by night upon a mountain-top and look upon the silent stars and say, "Ye are the eyes of God, but ye look not down on me; your light is the gift of His omnipotence, but your rays are not smiles of love to me. God, the mighty Creator, has forgotten me; I am a despicable drop in the ocean of creation, a sear leaf in the forest of beings, an atom in the mountain of existence. He knows me not. I am alone, alone, alone."

But it is not so, beloved. Our God is of another order. He notices every one of us; there is not a sparrow or a worm but is found in His decrees. There is not a person upon whom His eye is not fixed. Our most secret acts are known to Him. Whatsoever we do, or bear, or suffer, the eye of God still rests upon us, and we are

beneath His smile—for we are His people; or beneath His frown—for we have erred from Him.

Oh! how ten-thousand-fold merciful is God, that, looking down upon the race of man, He does not smite it out of existence. We see from our text that God looks upon man; for He says of Ephraim, "I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing." But see how, when He observes the sin of man, He does not dash him away and spurn him with His foot; He does not shake him by the neck over the gulf of Hell, until his brain doth reel and then

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## A REWARD FOR



Jerry

by  
GRACE RICE MacMULLEN

A Thrilling Adventure Story to be Continued Weekly in "THE SWORD OF THE LORD"

SYNOPSIS: JERRY THOMAS AND HIS FRIEND, "HURRICANE" WATSON ARE TYPICAL BOYS. THEY GO SWIMMING TOO EARLY. CONTRARY TO MRS. THOMAS' ORDERS, AND IN DIVING, HURRY KNOCKS HIMSELF OUT ON A ROCK. ONLY THE QUICK THINKING OF SCOUTMASTER MIKE SPANN SAVES HURRY'S LIFE.

AT SCOUT MEETING, HURRY IS TOOLING A LEATHER BELT. WHILE JERRY WORKS IN THE DARKROOM ON A PICTURE TO ENTER IN THE NEWS-PAPER CONTEST JUST ANNOUNCED. HIS PRIZE PICTURE, A FLOWER SHOT, COMES OUT OF THE PRINTER LOOKING VERY STRANGE. JERRY LEARNS ANOTHER BOY HAS FOOLED WITH THE TIMER AND IT IS NOT WORKING RIGHT. MR. SPANN LIKES THE PICTURE, HOWEVER, AND INSISTS IT STILL HAS A CHANCE TO WIN.

### CHAPTER IV

The door of the Thomas home opened as if it had a gust of wind behind it, slammed with the gusto of a hurricane, and Hurry Watson hurried in. His red hair looked as if it hadn't been combed for a week, and his eyes were two blue blazes.

"Hey, Jerry!"

"Hi, Hurry. What's cooking?"

"Plenty, looks like. There's a big tent going up on the vacant lot across from school, Jerry. Reckon there's a circus coming to town?"

"I hadn't heard about it. Seems like there'd have been signs or something. Wonder what's happening?"

"Mom said she'd heard something about a tent being put there, but she didn't remember what for. Tell you what, let's go down and look it over."

"O. K., Hurry. Just wait a minute till I get this rudder on." Jerry adjusted the tiny rudder on the model airplane he was making, applied glue carefully, let it dry to just the proper consistency, and then pressed the two pieces together firmly.

"There's a whole bunch of people there. Man, there's a lot of work to putting up one of those big babies."

"How many poles has it got?" Hurry thought a moment. "Bout a million, I should think."

Jerry laughed. "Oh, Hurry . . . that's not the way you count tent poles. In a big tent you count the main posts—those big center poles. You know, they look like telephone poles. Usually a circus has a three-pole tent."

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## Socialism Anti-Christian

1. Is It Natural and Inevitable?
2. Could We Properly Have Socialism With a Capable, Honest, Christian National Leader?
3. What Is the Bible Position on Private Property, Profits, Capitalism?
4. Does Socialism Always Lead to Corruption, Dishonesty, Waste?

By Editor John R. Rice

From Stephenville, Texas, Mr. Gay A. Woods writes a serious and thoughtful letter with questions about socialism. He has studied the matter in two universities and his comments and questions are worth serious study. Here are some of the things Mr. Woods says.

### A Christian's Honest Questions About Socialism

Stephenville, Texas

July 22, 1952

"Dear Brother Rice:

" . . . No doubt about it, our government is headed toward socialism, but here is the question I cannot help having in my mind over and over again: Is not socialism a natural and sensible or to-be-expected development? Like you, I have an innate prejudice or dislike for it, but are we being intelligent? Are we being fair-minded and unselfish?

"Is it not a fact that the thing you and I abhor is the immorality and waste and dishonesty assoc-

iated with the present government? If we had a capable, honest, respectable, talented Christian national leader instead of the pigmy and unscrupulous one as that at present, I am wondering if we would not be less opposed."

"For my part, I can't help but admit that the common man has a somewhat better economic life than he has ever had. . .

"Travelling about, I see better farm homes. . .

"It does seem that our present government is seeking to buy the votes of factory laborers and Negroes and farmers, but we have to

admit these three groups were and have been hard-pressed to put it mildly."

"Again I say it seems to me that socialism is a part of destiny, but the corruption and the moral rot and dishonesty on the part of our leaders is what makes socialism seem so nasty."

"Yours in Christ's cause,"

(Signed) Gay A. Woods.

Here is the editor's reply.

July 26, 1952

My dear Brother Woods:

I was glad to have your letter, and will try to answer it in some detail. I am grateful for your honest discussion and your questions about socialism. The Bible has clear answers on these questions, I think, and I trust the answer will be helpful to you and others.

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# WITH FREE LITERATURE AROUND THE WORLD

By the Editor

Here are news notes about free literature supplied by the Sword of the Lord in mission fields around the world.

Missionary Joe Weatherly representing Youth For Christ International and the Evangelical Alliance Mission, and an interdenominational literature committee in India, is now in America on furlough. He writes:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I am enclosing two copies of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' in the Gujarati language. This edition is 50,000 copies, making a total of 300,000 copies of your tract in three languages. I am instructing my secretary in India to send you a complete financial statement. I am sure, though, that there is very little left in the tract fund.

"I will be in Chicago next week and would like very much to talk with you concerning your tract ministry in India. I plan to return to India in two months.

"May the Lord richly bless you. "In Him."

(Signed) Joe Weatherly

Sword readers may remember that through Brother Joe Weatherly's group, including missionaries representing Youth For Christ, Conservative Baptists, Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Evangelical Alliance and others, this "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" booklet by the editor has been translated into Marathi, Hindi, and Gujarati, three languages of India.

We are glad to have copies of this new edition of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the Gujarati language. We pray that the 300,000 copies gotten out by Brother Weatherly's committee may win many, many souls. You note that their tract fund is about exhausted. May the Lord provide so we can send them more. We believe the money is carefully handled, and we have been receiving and will receive thorough reports.

## New Copies of Booklet in Telugu Language, India

Dr. Maurice Blanchard, of Ramapatnam Baptist Theological Seminary, in South India, writes us saying,

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"We are back down from the hills, and within a week will be beginning our new school term. We are engaged now in mailing out the last of the second 25,000 of your booklet in Telugu, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' There has been great demand for it, and we are not able to supply people with as many as they ask for."

He enclosed a copy of the second edition, which is improved. He also said,

"In addition to the 71 decisions reported in my last letter, we now have 147 more to report, making a total of 218 who have torn the back sheet from the book and mailed it to us, indicating that they accept Christ as their Saviour. Also, in addition to the 24 who had previously applied for the Bible Correspondence Course, 61 more have now applied for this through the slip at the back of the booklet, bringing that total to 85." Mrs. Blanchard also writes saying,

"My husband left your letter here for me to enclose the new edition of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' when it came from the printer. I am unable to let the letter go without a short note, adding my word of profound appreciation for the tremendous way you have helped in getting this grand little booklet into Telugu. India is full of confusion just now, and many a troubled, confused soul has hungrily devoured the booklet with such a timely message, and found that Christ alone was their answer. God will continue to use it, or He would not have worked out its Telugu edition as He did, beginning with the urgent zeal on the part of Mr. Blanchard to have it in Telugu, the offer of money through Fred Garland for its translation, and then the proposal from a Mennonite missionary to look after the translation. God fit all the jig-saw pieces together! Now He is using it for the salvation of many an Indian!"

Praise the Lord for 218 converts already reported through this Telugu translation of the booklet. We thank God for friends of Dr. Fred Garland who helped provide money for the printing, as well as the missionaries who translated it and distributed it.

## Souls Saved Near Madras, South India, Through Tamil Translation

Thomas P. Stuart writes, twice from Madras, South India, sending eleven decision forms taken from the Tamil translation of the editor's booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Then four more decision slips. He says, "We have harvested more souls for Christ through your tract than any other tract of us. And I have never seen such an effective tract . . ."

## African Missionary Will Translate "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

A missionary, Levi O. Keidel, Jr., working with the Congo Inland Mission in the Belgian Congo, in Africa, writes a most kindly letter. He wants to translate our booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the Tshiluba language, to reach at least three million people. We are glad to give permission, and I trust God will provide the means. It will be printed on the field.

Our brother writes most kindly concerning the editor's literature and his contacts with us at Bob Jones University, where he graduated in 1950. Pray for this missionary brother and his soul-winning work.

## Fiji Islands Using Sword Booklet in Two Languages

Missionary K. R. Cairns, from Lautoka, Fiji Islands, writes say-

# HERESIES EXPOSED

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# Christian Science

By A. McD. Redwood

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, the foundress of "Christian Science," now dead, was an ex-spiritualistic medium. Her book, *Science and Health*, is accepted by her followers as the text-book of the cult, and portions of it are read at their services. Of it she wrote in 1901:—

"I should blush to write of 'Science and Health with the Key to the Scriptures,' as I have, were it of human origin, and I apart from God, its author; but as I was only a scribe echoing the harmonies of heaven in Divine Metaphysics, I cannot be super-modest of the Christian Science text-book.

## Concerning the Trinity

From these words one would naturally expect that the teachings of "Christian Science" would harmonize with those of the Bible, of which it is supposed to be the key! Let us compare the teachings.

"The principle of Divine Metaphysics is God" (*Science and Health*, p. 5).

"Life, Truth and Love constitute the triune God, or triple Divine principle" (*ibid.* p. 277).

"The theory of three persons in one God (that is a personal trinity or tri-unity) suggests heathen gods" (*ibid.* p. 152).

Thus "Christian Science" denies a Personal Trinity. Now while the actual doctrine of the Trinity is nowhere explicitly taught in so many words in Scripture, the whole of Scripture testifies to that fact. The very first verse in the Bible reads: "In the beginning God" (*Elohim*—a uni-plural noun, suggesting the Trinity, and used in the Old Testament about 2,500 times, see note in *Scotfield's Reference Bible*) "created the heavens and the earth." The initial rite of the Christian religion, baptism, proclaims a Personal Trinity: "Go ye . . . baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19).

## Concerning God

The plain fact is that "Christian Science" denies the God of the Bible. Take such extracts as the following, picked out at random, and let the reader ask himself—Is this a God who can save me from my sins, who can change

ing they have ordered 5,000 of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Hindi from India, and that they ask us for 1,000 copies in English, which we have been glad to send. The missionary asks for other booklets, which we are sending, and asks that we give permission and encouragement to the translation of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" into the Fijian language. There are 133,000 Fijians, most of them read. Our readers will pray for this work and will help; and we are sure they will help us pray for the literature we are sending to the Fiji Islands in answer to our brother's request.

We have just ordered 500 "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Spanish sent to Cuba for an evangelistic campaign. To another brother in Manila, the Philippine Islands, we are sending 1,000 "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in English and 1,000 in Spanish, as quickly as they can be printed and shipped. Multiplied thousands of the booklets are going out in English; and we are severely tested to keep it in print, and to keep it paid for.

Those who will help in this blessed work, please send your gifts to the Free Literature Fund. Address the Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.

my life from unrighteousness to righteousness?

Question.—What is intelligence?

Answer.—Intelligence is omniscience and omnipotence. It is the primal and eternal quality of infinite Mind, of the triune Principle—Life, Truth, and Love—named God (*Science and Health*, 1916, p. 469).

Question.—What is mind?

Answer.—Mind is God (*ibid.* p. 469).

God, the Divine Principle of man, and man in God's likeness are inseparable, harmonious, and eternal . . . God and man are not the same, but in the order of Science, God and man co-exist and are eternal (*ibid.* p. 470).

The Divine Mind is the Soul of man, and gives man dominion over all things (*ibid.* p. 307).

God, without the image and likeness of Himself, would be a nonentity, or Mind unexpressed. He would be without a witness or proof of His own nature. . . . If God Who is Life, were parted for a moment from His reflection, man, during that moment there would be no divinity reflected. The Ego would be unexpressed and the Father would be childless—no Father (*ibid.* pp. 303, 306).

The Jewish tribal Jehovah was a man-projected God, liable to wrath, repentance, and human changeableness (*ibid.* p. 120).

Space forbids us subjecting these statements to the critical "grueling" they deserve, but to any reasonable mind, capable of reading the Word of God without wrestling it, such extracts—of which there are hundreds more as un-"scientific," and even less intelligible—cannot fail to demonstrate the utter variance between "Christian Science" and the Bible. The God of the Bible and the God of "Christian Science" are absolutely different, and we cannot love and worship both at the one time, unless we deny our reason and do despite to the Word of the Living God.

## Concerning Jesus Christ

After having said so much that is false about Deity, it is not surprising that Mrs. Eddy is found to be equally false regarding the Person and Work of Jesus Christ. We do not fear contradiction in stating the fact that, on practically every vital point relating to the doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ, "Christian Science" is as far removed from the Bible teaching as East is from West.

The following rigmarole is one out of hundreds found in the book:—

The invisible Christ was imperceptible to the so-called personal sense, whereas Jesus appeared as a bodily existence. This dual personality of the unseen and seen, the spiritual and material, the eternal Christ and the corporeal Jesus manifest in the flesh, continued until the Master's ascension, when the human, material concept, or Jesus, disappeared, while the spiritual self, or Christ, continues to exist in the eternal order of Divine Science, taking away the sins of the world, as the Christ has always done, even before the

human Jesus was incarnate to mortal eyes (*ibid.* p. 334).

## Concerning Atonement

Commenting on the above, one writer characterizes it as "blasphemous absurdities"—and every sensible, Christian who knows his Bible will just about agree with the verdict!

Jesus never ransomed man by paying the debt that sin incurs, whosever sins must suffer (Vol. II, pp. 143, 144).

Jesus bore our infirmities; he knew the error of mortal belief, and "with his stripes (the rejection of error)\* we are healed" (*ibid.* p. 20).

Final deliverance from error, whereby we rejoice in immortality . . . is not reached . . . by pinning one's faith without works to another's vicarious effort (*ibid.* p. 22).

The atonement requires constant self-immolation on the sinner's part. That God's wrath should be vented upon His beloved Son, is divinely unnatural. Such a theory is man-made. The atonement is a hard problem in theology, but its scientific explanation is that suffering is an error of sinful sense which Truth destroys, and that eventually both sin and suffering will fall at the feet of everlasting Love (*ibid.* p. 23).

Does erudite theology regard the crucifixion of Jesus chiefly as providing a ready pardon for all sinners who ask for it and are willing to be forgiven? . . . Then we must differ (*ibid.* p. 24)—our italics.

The efficacy of the crucifixion lay in the practical affection and goodness it demonstrated for mankind (*ibid.* p. 24).

With this doctrine of hopelessness, compare the words in I Tim. 2:5, 6—"For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

## Christian Terms Misused

Many other subjects could be taken up, such as Prayer, the Holy Spirit, Heaven, Hell, Satan, Angels, etc., in all of which "Christian Science" will stand convicted of error and even blasphemy. In a previous edition of this book we showed in a paragraph that "Christian Science" did not believe, as an example, in prayer, and one of their members called us in question on the point—referring to the so-called "creed" given at the end of *Science and Health*, where belief in the Bible, in God, in Christ, etc., is stated. The effective answer to such a contention is the fact that, whilst they use the terms of the Bible and of Christians, the meaning they attach to those terms is utterly different from the meaning given to them by the Bible. Whilst, on the surface, therefore, their "creed" is so phrased as to appear more or less correct and scriptural, in truth it is completely at variance with the Bible! Their meaning of God, Christ, prayer, atonement, forgiveness, etc., has nothing in common with the true Biblical teaching. This point is exceedingly important, and reveals the demoniacal source to which it pertains.

## Four Basic Propositions

In the 1903 edition of *Science and Health*, p. 113, are given Mrs. Eddy's four basic propositions. They are, in her own words:—

First, God is all in all.

Second, God is good, good is mind.

Third, spirit being all, nothing is matter.

Fourth, life, God, omnipotent, good, deny death, evil, sin, disease—

Disease, sin, evil, death, deny good, omnipotent, God, life.

Commenting on this a writer in *The Fundamentals* has well said:

Unconscious of the absurdity of the thing, she placidly tells us, that since these statements may be read backward as well as forward, this is a proof that

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\*The words in brackets are Mrs. Eddy's own explanation of what "His stripes" mean! Could she have said anything more foolish?



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# Noteworthy NEWS Notes

## Daily Devotions at Dallas News

It takes three carloads of paper, 150 gallons of ink and the skills of a thousand people to make an issue of The Dallas Morning News, Texas' leading newspaper.

These people find it also takes a prayer and a spiritual message each day to make the kind of newspaper they can be proud of. Every morning they gather for a brief devotional.

There is one thing in common among these reporters and editors, executives and janitors, bookkeepers, salesmen and artists. It is the realization of the need for divine guidance in the day's work.

There is never a lack of leaders for the services. One day Pete Brown, a colored janitor, gave the inspirational message from his personal experience. A few days later it was Ted Dealey, the publisher. Columnists and telephone girls, pressmen and advertising

men, take their turn as called.

Sometimes an outside speaker is heard. These have included clergymen of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, the president of a railroad and the head of an insurance firm.

Meetings are brief. They include a prayer, a short talk and the verse of a well-known hymn. The whole thing is over in ten minutes on company time.

First it was an experiment with a small group, lead by Kenneth Ritchell, an advertising salesman, in The News library. Attendance grew so fast it was moved to the conference room, the largest meeting place in the building. Now they can sit down.

These Dallas News people have found that the complicated business of making a newspaper runs smoother and happier with the help of a higher power.

## A Reward for Jerry

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"Oh, I see. Well, I didn't stop to count. There were so many people around I couldn't tell anyway. Hurry up, Jerry. That glue's dry by now."

Jerry placed the plane on the shelf reserved for his collection. This one was to be a model Aeronica, and it was already looking good even though there was more work to be done on it.

"O. K.—Let's go," Jerry said, wiping his hands on his trousers (a practice his mother deplored but had been unable to stop). Hurry was already out the front door by the time Jerry got there, and it was a quick trip to the vacant lot the boys cut across on their way to school.

"Never saw so many people on this lot before," Jerry said. "Say, that is a big tent. Funny they don't have any signs up."

"There's a sign over in the corner—they're starting to put it up right now," Hurry said. "Come on, Jerry—let's go over and see. Doesn't look like a circus sign, though—no pictures, anyway."

A group of men were working about a large sign, white with red and black lettering. Hurry started spelling out the words as they approached.

"E-V-A-N... Evangelist James Clifton."

Jerry suddenly remembered. "Oh, yeah—they announced it in our church Sunday—I forgot."

"Whittenburg Revival Campaign," Hurry continued. "Hey, it's not a circus at all. What's Whittenburg Revival Campaign, Jerry?"

Jerry smiled over his superior knowledge. "It's like church, Hurry, only different, a little. I mean, you have a preacher, and a choir and everything, but the music's a little—oh, faster, maybe—livelier."

Hurry's mouth flew open. "Church... in a tent? C'mon now, Jerry, you don't expect me to believe that, do you?"

"Sure, that's what it is! They do it every year in some places. It's a special kind of church."

Just then one of the men working on the sign looked up. "Hi, boys."

"Hello," chorused Jerry and Hurry together.

"You boys don't want a job, do you?"

Jerry and Hurry looked at each other. "Why not—it's Saturday!" Hurry answered for both.

"Good! We need some boys just about your size. Mr. Lawson's over there pounding stakes for the ropes. He needs somebody to hold them."

Jerry looked around him. "Which one's Mr. Lawson?"

"See the tall fellow in the blue shirt?"

"You mean that blond man with the sledge hammer?"

"That's the one. Just go right over and volunteer your services. He'll be pleased as punch."

So Jerry and Hurry, eager to have a part in the work which looked so important, trotted over to face Mr. Lawson.

"Hello, Mr. Lawson," Hurry said. "This is Jerry Thomas and I'm Hurry Watson..."

Jerry butted in to explain. "Hurry's short for Hurricane, you see, although his real name is Timothy."

"Oh, I see," the man called Mr. Lawson grinned. "Well, I'm glad to know you both, Jerry and Hurry or Hurricane or Timothy, whatever I'm to call you. What can I do for you?"

"We were hoping we could do something for you. That man over there by the sign said you needed somebody about our size to hold stakes for you."

"I surely do.—Come on, let's get started."

So that's how Jerry and Hurry first became interested in the Tent Revival in their town. They met



"Hurry" Watson was always in a hurry!

the genial, white-haired evangelist, who looked as if he knew all about them, and they met—and immediately idolized—the curly-headed young song leader, who was called Mel. They followed him around for an hour, hoping to be allowed to help him. The men worked hard all day, bracing the big tent, stringing up light wires, building a platform, and Jerry and Hurry did a little of everything. At suppertime, they hurried home importantly, anxious to get back.

Hurry's mother received the surprise of her life when, immediately after supper, he washed his face and slicked up his hair—and both his parents were literally astounded when they learned it was in order to go to church! Jerry's mother was pleased, but not surprised. A faithful church member, she had known about the revival and looked forward to going.

There was an air of pleasant expectancy around the tent, when Jerry and Hurry met there, just before starting time. The smell of sawdust mingled with the tang of new canvas, and the sound of people chatting as they arrived and greeted friends, was like a subdued county-fair sound. From the background came faint trills of a trumpet as the personable young songleader warmed up. Then the piano began... a rousing, marching Sunday School song. One of the ushers offered Hurry and Jerry a job, giving out songbooks to newcomers. They very happily took over the task with all the dignity they could muster. Jerry was surprised at how many people were coming. The tent was already half full, and more coming all the time! Mr. Hall, the druggist, was there, with his tiny brown-eyed wife. Mr. Haines, who ran the feed store, came with his wife and the six girls—all of them scrubbed to shining, with pigtailed twirling as they giggled self-consciously. Several of the teen-age girls were gathered about the piano, trying to learn the new song. Suddenly, the songleader walked across the platform to the pulpit, and the undertone of talking became a silence.

"Hello there!" Mel greeted the crowd. "My, I'm glad you all came tonight! We're glad to see you—and I hope you're as glad to be here as I am. Let's start by singing a song everybody knows—number 12 in the hymn book. Let's see—does everybody have a hymn book?"

Hurry and Jerry looked at each other with wide grins. They knew their job had been done well. The only people who didn't have hymn books were those who had refused them. Most people had taken them gladly, and the boys had enjoyed it. Almost every single person held up a hymn book.

The songleader was pleased—they could see that.

"Fine! If you all have books, we should have some good singing. You'll have no excuse! Come on, now..."

"There's a land that is fairer than day,

And by faith we can see it afar." Hurry and Jerry opened their books, and sang lustily through the verse. In the chorus, the young man with the trumpet soared into such a maze of trills and notes that they almost forgot to sing. My, but it was pretty! Hurry punched Jerry in the ribs.... "Hey, Jerry, listen to that!"

"He really knows how to blow that horn, doesn't he?"

"Yeah, and when I think about wasting time practicing that old piano..." (Hurry didn't stop to remember that he'd wasted very little time practicing the piano, anyway.)

"Looks like a horn would be lots more fun."

"Yeah, and I bet I could learn to play it in no time, Jerry. Why, Mel could probably teach me before he leaves here."

"Sh... listen to what he's saying, Hurry."

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Dallas Morning News devotional service in the News Library. The ten minute daily meeting, held on company time, has since moved to the larger conference room, where employees can sit down.

## Heresies Exposed

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they are true! "The Divine Metaphysics... prove the rule by inversion." So far as their value goes, these four propositions might just as well be read perpendicularly or obliquely. And by the same method of argument, it would be easy to prove angels, cherubim and seraphim, are butterflies, lizards, guinea-pigs and horses.

### Mind Cures

The great attraction of this cult is doubtless the mind cures it is said to have wrought. Nor do we question that many have been cured. But it has again and again been stated that the system never has cured any diseases save those which have been cured by "mental therapeutics." Mrs. Eddy herself had to resort to the dentist!

Dr. A. J. Gordon, of Boston, throws out this warning concerning the teaching of Mrs. Eddy:

If the body is only a phantom and the flesh only a shadow, it is logically certain that by-and-by some very practical sinners will take refuge under this system, and insist that the sins of the body and the transgressions of the flesh are harmless, since they are only the phantom of a phantom, and the shadow of a shadow.

The late Dr. I. M. Haldeman, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, New York, summed up this pernicious cult as follows:

Christian Science has one su-

preme aim. Its aim is to take away Jesus Christ as the alone Saviour of men. It denies His actual birth, repudiates Him as the Christ, makes Him to be as full of errors as other mortals, rejects the Atonement of the Cross, says He never died, never was buried and never rose, does not exalt His name above every name, refuses to bow to Him as Lord and God, teaches that He does not sit upon the infinite throne, and that He is not in heaven at all. In short, it turns His body into an apparition, His blood to nothingness, His cross to a myth, His death to a fiction, His burial to a mockery, and Himself to a personality that was never real and no longer exists.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IS A PERIL OF PERILS

It is a peril to Christianity.—It is a peril because it puts on the robes of Christian profession and hides its real antagonism under the plea of a higher and more spiritual concept. It is a peril to Christianity, because it repeats the name of Christ, wards off suspicion, and then, slowly but systematically, seeks to deny Him. It is a peril to Christianity, because it quotes the Bible as its authority, professes to be its best interpreter, and then, in the dark, seeks little by little to wrench it loose from the place of faith

and absolute confidence. It is a peril to the Christian, because it talks of God and the Father and, step by step, leads the Christian to think that God is not a person, and the Fatherhood but a name. It is a peril to the Christian, because while it talks to him of Christ, it leads him softly and insensibly away from Christ, or quite beyond Him, where he is his own saviour, and his own Christ, and his own very God. It is a peril to the Christian, because it leads him eventually to deny the Lord who bought him, and thus brings him dangerously near that threshold where swift destruction falls on all who finally deny Him. It is a peril to the unsaved, because it stupefies him on the edge of a precipice, closes his eyes to mortal danger, cries peace where there is no peace, and allows him to plunge headlong into a hopeless and unredeemable eternity.

Ivan Panin tells how he was sent for by a Canadian major who was dangerously ill in a hospital. A friend of the major's claimed to have been healed, and urged him to try "Science." He was inclined to do so, but asked Mr. Panin, "What do you advise?" and was a little surprised to get the reply, "I would advise you to try 'Christian Science' if you are prepared to pay the price." "Price?" he exclaimed, "what is money in comparison with health, or life itself?" "I did not mean the price in money," replied Panin; "but you would have to give up the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, for,

"Science" denies sin, evil, Satan, sickness, as realities, and hence has no atoning blood or redeeming grace or assurance of salvation." He decided to trust in Jehovah-Jesus rather than in Christian "science falsely so-called" (1 Tim. 6:20), and lived to tell of being saved by grace (The Witness, July, 1928).

### Ramabhai's Testimony

Pandita Ramabhai said:

On my arrival in New York, I was told that a new religion was being taught in New York, and that it had won many disciples. I found that the name of the new religion was Christian Science; and when I asked what its teaching was, I recognized it as the same philosophy that had been taught among my people for four thousand years. It has wrecked millions of lives and caused immeasurable suffering and sorrow in my land. It is a religion that knows no compassion or sympathy. It means just this—the philosophy of nothingness. You are to view the whole world as nothing but a falsehood.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ"—(Col. 2:8).

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# WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

The Fairgrounds race track in Little Valley, New York, was the scene of the Cattaraugus County Crusade for Christ, June 22 through July 6. **EVANGELIST PHIL "PETE" RIGGS**, converted gambler and night club entertainer, assisted by the King's Trumpeters, were the evangelistic team for the first united effort in this area. Real revival was evident as souls were saved at every service of the two week crusade. Total registered decisions were 350, with 208 of these being for salvation. 11,500 attended the Crusade which was nine times the population of Little Valley where the Crusade was held. The pastors of the community have decided to conduct an evangelistic series each year from now on.

A blessed revival with **EVANGELIST G. P. COMER** was reported by Rev. John Morange, pastor of the Methodist Church, St. John, Washington, where the two weeks of meetings were conducted. "... There had never been a revival held in the church before. The town itself is utterly indifferent to New Testament Christianity, yet God has broken into this situation and young married couples have been reclaimed or converted, cold church members have had their hearts warmed, one old reprobate 80 years old has been brought to Christ, and a man newly out of prison led into the freedom of the Son of God. The church itself has taken on new power. ..." Brother Comer was in meetings in Missouri in June and in Vinson, Oklahoma, for a tabernacle meeting with three churches cooperating, last month. He will be in South Houston, Texas, for a community-wide revival, August 10-24, with two churches cooperating.

Rev. L. G. Stairs, Pastor of the People's Church, Somerville, New Brunswick, Canada, highly commends **EVANGELIST KENNETH CHAPMAN**, a sword staff evangelist. "... We wish to express our appreciation of Rev. Ken Chapman's ministry. Mr. Chapman was with us in a three week campaign which closed on July 6. He is a hard working evangelist, true to the Word of God. The people loved him, and many in our church said he preached the finest series of evangelistic messages they had ever heard.

"God richly blessed the meetings with 14 conversions, 6 family altars, 23 young people dedicating their lives to His service. The church received a real spiritual uplift. We feel that no pastor can go wrong in calling Rev. Chapman for a campaign.

"The Stoutenboroughs were with us also, and their ministry was greatly appreciated, especially in daily visitation and personal work. ..."

An eight day revival campaign was recently closed in the First Baptist Church, Velasco, Texas, with youth **EVANGELIST FREDIE GAGE** who was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tucker. Pastor A. Gordon Johnson reports. "... The visible results were: 30 saved, some of them from our own church membership; 20 backsliders brought back to God; some 125 of our members who rededicated their lives anew to God during the revival. One of the greatest victories came when some 30 young people came forward and said by the grace of God they were quitting the picture shows and dances. ..."

**REV. W. R. STORIE** was the speaker in a "Campaign for Christ" held in the Tillatoba Missionary Baptist Church, Tillatoba, Mississippi, July 14-23. Brother Garland Coffield from Chattanooga, Tennessee, was the songleader during the campaign. Pastor Orman Norwood tells of 63 public decisions

for Christ, some of which were conversions in the homes of elderly folks. About 200 of the editor's tracts, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" were passed out by people from day to day. A goodly number of subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD were also obtained during the ten days of meetings. "... Brother Storie preached the Word with simplicity and with power. There was deep conviction in several instances, with decisions resulting. ..."

A report comes from Rev. J. H. Lyon, pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Fairview, Kentucky, telling of the revival with **EVANGELIST OSCAR WELLS**, July 6-16. "... 39 came for baptism, 4 came into the church by letter, and several Christians rededicated their lives for fuller service. Our people learned to work during this revival as they have never done before. Several of our members left their own work and gave their whole time to the revival. They attended the early morning service at 7:00 o'clock and then visited

the rest of the day. They won people to Christ right in their own homes. Brother Wells was well received by our people. His preaching was sound, Bible centered, positive, and dynamic. ..."

A blessed revival was experienced in the Smyrna Baptist Church in Dinwiddie, Virginia, July 1-13 with sword staff **EVANGELIST RAY CUTCHIN**. According to the pastor's report, the church had a very small membership, but through preparation, they saw larger crowds than had been anticipated, and people at the altar almost every night. About 40 people were converted, about 20 rededicated their lives, and many are being baptized and joining the churches. "... Brother Cutchin is truly a soul winner, both in the pulpit and out of it. Some were won to Christ in the homes and then came to church and confessed Christ publicly. Several also joined by letter. May I recommend Evangelist Ray Cutchin to any church desirous of a real revival. ..."

**EVANGELIST KENNETH CHAPMAN** tells of 19 professions of faith in Christ, in a revival held in Central Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, Canada. One backslider was restored to the Lord, and fifteen family altars were established. Rev. Douglas Fraser is the pastor who has to take a real stand because of the modernism on the island.

## A Reward for Jerry

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The first song was over, and Mel was introducing his trumpet solo. Oh, it was wonderful—complete with scales and runs and trills. Hurry and Jerry were transfixed!

Hurry's mind was made up. "I'm gonna see if Mom will buy me a trumpet. Bet she'd be glad if I could play like that!"

A lady in front of them with a feather in her hat turned around and stared at them. Hurry stared right back, but Jerry said, "Shhh," and tried to look as if he didn't know the boy sitting next to him. The lady with the feather turned around, thinking her job was well done, but she didn't know Hurry! More than once during the service Jerry had to poke him and say, "Behave, Hurry!" or "Be quiet, won'tcha?"

There was a row of preachers on the platform, some Jerry knew and some he didn't. The song service progressed smoothly. ... another congregational hymn, a trumpet solo during the offering, a quartet from the Baptist Church. The Methodist pastor announced prayer meeting and asked everyone to help, and Mel led in a melodious chorus. After a solo by the young songleader, Pastor Johnson—who was Jerry's pastor—introduced the evangelist. "If my people, which are called by my name," he read his text from the Bible. Hurry settled down in the seat as if he intended to sleep through this part, but Jerry noticed he always sat up straight and looked interested when the evangelist told a story. And talk about stories—he told plenty of them! They all seemed to mean something, Jerry decided. They weren't just ordinary stories, but just the same they were interesting and some were even exciting.

A few nights later Jerry and Hurry were old-timers. They sat in the same spot each night. They had a regular job—giving out songbooks—and they wouldn't have missed a revival service any more than a baseball game! Jerry couldn't remember when he'd enjoyed church so much—but then he hadn't been to church in a tent, not for a long time. The sermon that night—it was the fourth or fifth night—seemed aimed right at them—they could understand everything. Then, toward the end, the evangelist was very serious. ... and sort of nice, too, like Mom, when she told him she loved him and that sort of thing. His voice was friendly, and kind, and as he talked about the Lord Jesus being born on earth, and living and doing good, and then dying on the cross—you just felt like you knew Him, somehow. Jerry could see that business about dying on the cross was something Hurry hadn't thought

about before. Jerry knew all about it, of course, but come to think of it, he never had exactly felt so much as if he was there before. This man, the evangelist with the snowy white hair and the kind, serious face—he made you feel as if you were. ... well, as if it was your fault, sort of, that Jesus had to die. Come to think of it, Jerry decided, if you were a sinner, it was your fault, partly. And everybody was a sinner, of course. Mom had reminded him of that last week.

The longer Rev. James Clifton preached, the worse Jerry felt. He thought about going swimming when Mom told him not to. ... and getting mad at Jim Wilson. ... and running off with Dad's hunting knife and losing it. Jerry thought about a lot of things that night, things he thought he'd forgotten. And he felt pretty bad about the whole thing.

He was thinking so hard about it, he was hardly paying any attention to the preacher, until he heard him say, "Now, we're going to sing. As we do, I want you to remember this. Jesus died for you—for you, little boy. ... for you, young woman, for you, young man. ... It was for you, mothers and daddies and boys and girls. He died to save sinners—and that's just what we all are. He wants you to come to Him tonight, to trust Him and let Him come into your heart and make you his child. As we sing this song, 'Into My Heart,' will you just do what it says? Say to Him, 'Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.' If you'll do that—if you'll let Jesus come into your heart, just come right down here and take my hand. Will you do it, just now, as we sing?"

Softly the piano played a few notes. ... The songleader sang the verse of the song Jerry knew so well from Sunday School, "Come into my heart, blessed Jesus,

Come into my heart, I pray. ..."

And then everybody joined in on the chorus. "Into my heart, into my heart, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Come in today, come in to stay, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

Jerry looked at Hurry. ... but Hurry wasn't looking at him. He wasn't laughing either, as he usually was. Hurry was looking down at his shoe, his shoe which was gently kicking the back of the seat in front of him. Jerry gulped. Something inside him seemed to be saying, "Yes, I do want Jesus in my heart. I DO want to be His child. ...," but then he thought about Hurry. What if Hurry laughed at him? What would his mother think, and the kids at school? Mom would be glad, he knew, and so would Dad. Still, ...

A man four rows up from Jerry left his seat, with tears in his eyes, and walked up to the front. Yes, Jerry thought, but he was a grown man. They were supposed to do things in church. Boys—my goodness, you never did see boys do anything in church except maybe give out songbooks, or whisper so loud people looked at them. They were singing the chorus again. "Into my heart. ... Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

Come in today, come in to stay. ... Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

Jerry wanted to say it, really and truly. ... and then he remembered. The preacher had said for him to come. He said, "Mothers and daddies and boys and girls." Jerry looked at Hurry and then he thought, "Well, I don't know about you, Hurry, but I'm going to do it. I want Jesus to come into my heart, and I'm going to ask Him to come in. I'm going to tell the preacher, too!"

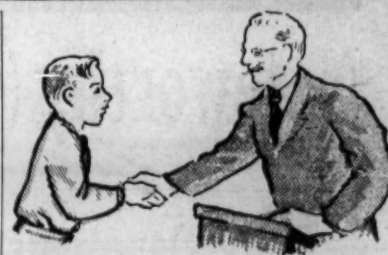
And with that Jerry gave Hurry a gentle push, stepped out into the aisle and started up to shake hands with the preacher. The aisle looked mighty long, but first thing he knew he was before the dear old preacher. There was a big lump in his throat, but the one around his heart had dissolved.

"Hello, Jerry, I'm so glad you came! God bless you, boy. You know God promised to forgive all our sins, if we would just trust Jesus. Do you want to take Him, right now?"

"Yes, sir." Jerry's lip trembled, but he was determined he wasn't going to cry in front of all those people.

"I'm glad, Jerry. He'll come into your heart, right now, and make you His child—that's what He promised. And then He tells us, He'll never, never forsake us."

That was better than ever, Jerry thought, and he grinned up at the preacher. Just then he realized somebody else was reaching up to shake hands with the evangelist. It was Hurry! Hurry had followed him down the aisle, to do exactly the same thing Jerry had done. Hurry wouldn't laugh at him—he was going to trust Jesus, too!



"Hello, Jerry, I'm so glad you came! God bless you, boy."

Hurry was having more trouble, though. There was a dirty streak down one cheek, where a stubborn tear had slipped through and been hastily wiped away by Hurry's fist. Jerry felt so glad about everything he thought he might burst, any minute! He sat down on the front seat, while the preacher talked to Hurry, and then there was Mom beside him, hugging him and saying, "I'm so glad, Jerry! I've been praying you'd do this! Now our whole family are Christians. ... Isn't it wonderful?"

Jerry didn't feel he could say much; he still had to be very careful or the wetness in his eyes might turn to tears. But he nodded at Mom with a grin that told her he felt exactly the same way!

After the service, Mr. Spann was the first person to speak to Hurry and Jerry.

"God bless you, boys! I'm so glad you got that settled."

Hurry and Jerry just grinned. "Now you'll have to help me get the other fellows."

As they walked home together that night after church, the crickets chirped, Jerry felt a little self-conscious, walking with Dad and Mom and Cynthia, that way, but he felt pretty proud, too. Just as they reached the first street light, Dad turned around. He patted Jerry's shoulder and said, "I was pretty proud of you tonight, Jerry. I'm so glad you got that settled. Now we're all going to Heaven, to be together forever!"

Cynthia breathed deeply. "G gracious! Isn't it nice to be a family?"

(Next Week, Hurry and Jerry become detectives. Read about their adventures chasing "Herman the German"—and the troubles they encounter. It's exciting reading!)

## Dr. Bob Jones Says:

This is being written in my office at Bob Jones University after returning from an approximately ten-thousand-mile plane tour of the West, where I spoke in a number of centers at dinners attended by Bob Jones University students, alumni, patrons, and friends. I have never before realized as I do now what God is really doing through Bob Jones University. Practically all of our students in America as well as the large number on about fifty foreign mission fields are consecrated soul winners. They are witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ in practically all parts of the earth. Bob Jones University campus is a base of worldwide testimony. We do not think that our school is the only school, but we do know it is the only school of exactly the same type. The institution has an individuality all its own. We are sure that God called it into existence to give a certain type of emphasis that is not being given by any other school. A great educator said, "A school that has no individuality has no right to exist." When we founded Bob Jones University, we believed the Lord was leading us. After twenty-five years of experience in observing the results of the work of the institution, we know God led us to build this school for Him.

On our recent tour, I met so many of our students that could never have attended Bob Jones University if it had not been for the friends who have invested some of the Lord's money in the Student Loan Endowment Fund. Many of our finest students who are out winning the lost to Jesus Christ and witnessing for our Lord in many parts of the world are doing this work because you friends made it possible for us to help them with a part work/loan scholarship.

I understand that we will have approximately eight hundred students during the coming school year that will have to have some help. Remember, we are keeping on this drive to raise \$1,000,000 for this

Fund. A few months ago we felt led of the Lord to set aside half of the money contributed to the Student Loan Endowment Fund, unless we have definite instructions to the contrary, for the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands. This may mean it will take a little longer to reach the \$1,000,000 goal than it would have taken if we had kept the emphasis just on the Student Loan Endowment Fund, but we believe the Lord wants us to give a Bob Jones University evangelistic missionary emphasis in a number of foreign countries. Our students are not only well trained academically, but they have an evangelistic approach, not only in this country but in foreign lands. That evangelistic approach is greatly needed on this mission field as well as in America. We appreciate what you Christian folks have contributed to the Student Loan Endowment Fund and missionary fund, and we hope you will keep on helping us. We would like to ask you to do your very best between now and the opening of school September 3. I would also like to again urge you to pray for us. Ask God to make the coming year the greatest year in the history of Bob Jones University. Be sure to ask God to keep this school true to the things for which it has stood for twenty-five years. We are not going to waver regardless of pressure that may be brought upon us from so many sources. We are going to be true to this trust. When I say this, I represent the attitude of my son, the president, and all of his associates. We need your prayers. Please pray for our round-the-world missionary tour this fall, and please send a gift to the Student Loan Endowment and missionary fund. If you have already made a contribution, make another one of some amount. If you haven't done anything, do your best to help us now. Thank you and God bless you.

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## The Bible

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drop him forever; but rather, He comes down from Heaven to plead with His creatures; He argues with them; He puts Himself, as it were, upon a level with the sinner—states His grievances and pleads His claim. O Ephraim, I have written unto thee the great things of my law, but they have been unto thee as a strange thing!

I come here to-night in God's stead, my friends, to plead with you as God's ambassador, to charge many of you with a sin; to lay it to your hearts by the power of the Spirit, so that you may be convinced of sin, of righteousness, and of a judgment to come. The crime I charge you with is the sin of the text. God has written to you the great things of His law, but they have been unto you as a strange thing. It is concerning this blessed book, the Bible, that I mean to speak to-night. Here lies my text—this Word of God. Here is the theme of my discourse, a theme which demands more eloquence than I possess; a subject upon which a thousand orators might speak at once; a mighty, vast, and comprehensive theme, which might engross all eloquence throughout eternity, and still it would remain unexhausted.

Concerning the Bible, I have three things to say to-night, and they are all in my text. First, its author, "I have written;" secondly, its subjects—the great things of God's law; and thirdly, its common treatment—it has been accounted by most men a strange thing.

### I. The Author of the Bible Is God

First, then, concerning this book: Who is the author? The

text says that it is God. "I have written to him the great things of my law." Here lies my Bible—who wrote it? I open it, and find it consists of a series of tracts. The first five tracts were written by a man called Moses; I turn on, and I find others. Sometimes I see David is the penman, at other times Solomon. Here I read Micah, then Amos, then Hosea. As I turn further on, to the more luminous pages of the New Testament, I see Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, Paul, Peter, James, and others; but when I shut up the book, I ask myself, who is the author of it? Do these men jointly claim the authorship? Are they the compositors of this massive volume? Do they between themselves divide the honor? Our holy religion answers No!

This volume is the writing of the living God: each letter was penned with an Almighty finger; each word in it dropped from the everlasting lips; each sentence was dictated by the Holy Spirit. Albeit, that Moses was employed to write his histories with his fiery pen, God guided that pen. It may be that David touched his harp and let sweet Psalms of melody drop from his fingers; but God moved his hands over the living strings of his golden harp. It may be that Solomon sang canticles of love, or gave forth words of consummate wisdom, but God directed his lips, and made the preacher eloquent. If I follow the thundering Nahum, when his horses plough the waters, or Habakkuk, when he sees the tents of Cushan in affliction; if I read Malachi, when the earth is burning like an oven; if I turn to the smooth page of John, who tells of love, or the rugged, fiery chapters

of Peter, who speaks of fire devouring God's enemies; if I turn to Jude, who launches forth anathemas upon the foes of God, everywhere I find God speaking; it is God's voice, not man's; the words are God's words, the words of the Eternal, the Invisible, the Almighty, the Jehovah of this earth.

This Bible is God's Bible, and when I see it, I seem to hear a voice springing up from it, saying, "I am the book of God; man, read me. I am God's writing; open my leaf, for I was penned by God; read it, for He is my author, and you will see Him visible and manifest everywhere." "I have written to him the great things of my law."

How do you know that God wrote the book? That is just what I shall not try to prove to you. I could if I pleased, demonstrate it, for there are arguments enough, there are reasons enough, did I care to occupy your time to-night in bringing them before you; but I shall do no such thing. I might tell you, if I pleased, that the grandeur of the style is above that of any mortal writing, and that all the poets who have ever existed could not, with all their works united, give us such sublime poetry and such mighty language as is to be found in the Scriptures. I might insist upon it, that the subjects of which it treats are beyond the human intellect; that man could never have invented the grand doctrines of a Trinity in the Godhead; man could not have told us anything of the creation of the universe; he could never have been the author of the majestic idea of Providence—that all things are ordered according to the will of one great Supreme Being, and work together for good. I might enlarge upon its honesty, since it tells the faults of its writers;

its unity, since it never belies itself; its master simplicity, that he who runs may read it; and I might mention a hundred more things, which would all prove, to a demonstration, that the book is of God.

But I come not here to prove it. I am a Christian minister, and you are Christians, or profess to be so; and there is never any necessity for Christian ministers to make a point of bringing forward infidel arguments in order to answer them. It is the greatest folly in the world. Infidels, poor creatures, do not know their own arguments till we tell them, and then they glean their blunted shafts to shoot them at the shield of truth again. It is folly to bring forward these firebrands of Hell, even if we are well prepared to quench them. Let men of the world learn error of themselves; do not let us be propagators of their falsehoods. True, there are some preachers who are short of stock, and want them to fill up; but God's own chosen men need not do that; they are taught of God, and God supplies them with matter, with language, with power. There may be some one here to-night who has come without faith, a man of reason, a freethinker. With him I have no argument at all.

I profess not to stand here as a controversialist, but as a preacher of things that I know and feel. But I too, have been like him. There was an evil hour once I shipped the anchor of my faith; I cut the cable of my belief; I no longer moored myself hard by the coasts of Revelation; I allowed my vessel to drift before the wind; I said to reason, "Be thou my captain;" I said to my own brain, "Be thou my rudder;" and I started on my mad voyage. Thank God, it is all over now; but I will tell you its brief history.

It was one hurried sailing over the tempestuous ocean of free thought. I went on, and as I went, the skies began to darken; but to make up for that deficiency, the waters were brilliant with coruscations of brilliancy. I saw sparks flying upward that pleased me, and I thought, "If this be free thought, it is a happy thing." My thoughts seemed gems, and I scattered stars with both my hands; but anon, instead of these coruscations of glory, I saw grim fiends, fierce and horrible, start up from the waters, and as I dashed on, they gnashed their teeth, and grinned upon me; they seized the prow of my ship and dragged me on, while I, in part, gloried at the rapidity of my motion, but yet shuddered at the terrific rate with which I passed the old landmarks of my faith.

As I hurried forward, with an awful speed, I began to doubt my very existence; I doubted if there were a world, I doubted if there was such a thing as myself. I went to the very verge of the dreary realms of unbelief. I went to the very bottom of the sea of Infidelity. I doubted everything. But here the Devil foiled himself; for the very extravagance of the doubt proved its absurdity. Just when I saw the bottom of that sea, there came a voice which said, "And can this doubt be true?"

At this very thought I awoke. I started from that death-dream, which, God knows might have damned my soul, and ruined this, my body, if I had not awoke. When I arose, faith took the helm; from that moment I doubted not. Faith steered me back; faith cried, "Away, away!" I cast my anchor on Calvary; I lifted my eye to God; and here I am, "alive, and out of Hell." Therefore, I speak what I do know. I have sailed that perilous voyage; I have come safe to land.

Ask me again to be an infidel! No; I have tried it; it was sweet at first, but bitter afterwards. Now, lashed to God's Gospel more firmly than ever, standing as on a rock of adamant, I defy the arguments of Hell to move me; for "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him."

But I shall neither plead nor argue this night. You profess to be Christian men, or else you would not be here. Your professions may be lies; what you say you are, may be the very contrary to what you really are; but still

I suppose you all admit that this is the Word of God. A thought or two then upon it. "I have written to him the great things of my law."

### Note the Authority of the Bible

First, my friends, stand over this volume, and *admire its authority*. This is no common book. It is not the sayings of the sages of Greece; here are not the utterances of philosophers of past ages. If these words were written by man, we might reject them; but O let me think the solemn thought, that this book is God's handwriting—that these words are God's! Let me look at its date; it is dated from the hills of Heaven. Let me look at its letters; they flash glory on my eye. Let me read the chapters; they are big with meaning and mysteries unknown. Let me turn over the prophecies; they are pregnant with unthought-of wonders. Oh, book of books! And wast thou written by my God? Then will I bow before thee. Thou book of vast authority! thou art a proclamation from the Emperor of Heaven; far be it from me to exercise my reason in contradicting thee.

Reason, thy place is to stand and find out what this volume means, not to tell what this book ought to say. Come thou, my reason, my intellect, sit thou down and listen, for these words are the words of God. I do not know how to enlarge on this thought. Oh! if you could ever remember that this Bible was actually and really written by God. Oh! if ye had been let into the secret chambers of Heaven, if ye had beheld God grasping His pen and writing down these letters—then surely ye would respect them; but they are just as much God's handwriting as if you had seen God write them. This Bible is a book of authority; it is an authorized book, for God has written it. Oh! tremble, tremble, lest any of you despise it; mark its authority, for it is the Word of God.

### The Truthfulness of the Bible

Then, since God wrote it, mark its *truthfulness*. If I had written it, there would be worms of critics who would at once swarm on it, and would cover it with their evil spawn; had I written it, there would be men who would pull it to pieces at once, and perhaps quite right too. But this is the Word of God; come, search, ye critics, and find a flaw; examine it, from its Genesis to its Revelation, and find an error. This is a vein of pure gold, unalloyed by quartz, or any earthly substance. This is a star without a speck; a sun without a blot; a light without darkness; a moon without its paleness; a glory without a dimness. O Bible! it cannot be said of any other book, that it is perfect and pure; but of this we can declare all wisdom is gathered up in thee, without a particle of folly. This is the judge that ends the strife, where wit and reason fail. This is the book untainted by any error; but is pure, unalloyed, perfect truth. Why? Because God wrote it.

Ah! charge God with error if ye please; tell Him that His book is not what it ought to be. I have heard men, with prudish and mock-modesty, who would like to alter the Bible; and (I almost blush to say it) I have heard ministers alter God's Bible, because they are afraid of it. Have you never heard a man say, "He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved, but he that believeth not"—what does the Bible say?—"Shall be damned." But that does not happen to be polite enough, so they say, "Shall be *Condemned*." Gentlemen, pull the velvet out of your mouths; speak God's word; we want none of your alterations. I have heard men in prayer instead of saying, "Make your calling and election sure," say "Make your calling and *salvation* sure." Pity they were not born when God lived far—far back that they might have taught God how to write.

Oh, impudence beyond all bounds! Oh full-blown self-conceit! To attempt to dictate to the All-wise—to teach the Omniscient and instruct the Eternal. Strange that there should be men so vile as to use the penknife of Jehoiaakim to cut out passages of the word, because they are un-

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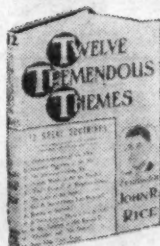
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## The Bible

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palatable. O ye who dislike certain portions of Holy Writ, rest assured that your taste is corrupt, and that God will not stay for your little opinion. Your dislike is the very reason why God wrote it, because you ought not to be suited; you have no right to be pleased. God wrote what you do not like; He wrote the truth. Oh! let us bend in reverence before it, for God inspired it. It is pure truth. Here from its fountain gushes *aqua vitae*—the water of life—without a single particle of earth; here from this sun there cometh forth rays of radiance, without the mixture of darkness. Blessed Bible! thou art all truth.

### How Merciful of God to Give Us a Bible

Yet once more, before we leave this point, let us stop and consider the merciful nature of God, in having written us a Bible at all. Ah, He might have left us without it, to grope our dark way, as blind men seek the wall; He might have suffered us to wander on with the star of reason as our only guide.

I recollect a story of Mr. Hume, who so constantly affirmed that the light of reason is abundantly sufficient. Being at a good minister's house one evening, he had been discussing the question and declaring his firm belief in the sufficiency of the light of nature. On leaving, the minister offered to hold a candle to light him down the steps. He said "No; the light of nature would be enough; the moon would do." It so happened that the moon was covered with a cloud, and he fell down the steps. "Ah!" said the minister, "you had better have had a little light from above, after all, Mr. Hume."

So, supposing the light of nature to be sufficient, we had better have a little light from above too, and then we shall be sure to be right. Better have two lights than only one. The light of creation is a bright light. God may be seen in the stars; His name is written in gilt letters on the brow of night; you may discover His glory in the ocean waves, yea, in the trees of the field; but it is better to read it in two books than in one. You will find it here more clearly revealed; for He has written this Book Himself, and He has given you the key to understand it, if you have the Holy Spirit. Ah, beloved, let us thank God for this Bible; let us love it; let us count it more precious than much fine gold.

### How Wicked Not to Read God's Word!

But let me say one thing before I pass on to the second point. If this be the Word of God, what will become of some of you who have not read it for the last month? "Month, sir! I have not read it for this year." Ay, there are some of you who have not read it at all. Most people treat the Bible very politely. They have a small pocket volume, neatly bound; they put a white pocket-handkerchief round it and carry it to their places of worship; when they get home, they lay it up in a drawer till next Sunday morning; then it comes out again for a little bit of a treat, and goes to chapel; that is all the poor Bible gets in the way of an airing. That is your style of entertaining this heavenly messenger. There is dust enough on some of your Bibles to write "damnation" with your fingers. There are some of you who have not turned over your Bibles for a long, long, long while, and what think you? I tell you blunt words, but true words. What will God say at last? When you shall come before Him, He shall say, "Did you read my Bible?"

"No."

"I wrote you a letter of mercy; did you read it?"

"No."

"Rebel! I have sent thee a letter inviting thee to me; didst thou ever read it?"

"Lord, I never broke the seal; I kept it shut up."

"Wretch!" says God, "then, thou deservest Hell, if I sent thee a loving epistle, and thou wouldst not even break the seal; what

shall I do unto thee?"

Oh, let it not be so with you. Be Bible-readers; be Bible-searchers.

### II. The Great Subjects of the Bible

Our second point is: *The subjects on which the Bible treats.* The words of the text are these: "I have written to him the great things of my law." The Bible treats of great things, and of great things only. There is nothing in this Bible which is unimportant. Every verse in it has a solemn meaning; and if we have not found it out yet, we hope yet to do it. You have seen mummies wrapped round and round with folds of linen. Well, God's Bible is like that; it is a vast roll of white linen, woven in the loom of truth; so you will have to continue unwinding it, roll after roll, before you get the real meaning of it from the very depth; and when you have found, as you think, a part of the meaning, you will still need to keep on unwinding, unwinding, and all eternity you will be unwinding the words of this wondrous volume. Yet there is nothing in the Bible but great things. Let me divide so as to be more brief. First, all things in this Bible are great; but, secondly, some things are the greatest of all.

### All Things of the Bible Are Great

All things in the Bible are great. Some people think it does not matter what doctrines you believe; that it is immaterial what church you attend; that all denominations are alike. Well, I dislike Mrs. Bigotry above almost all people in the world, and I never give her any compliment or praise; but there is another woman I hate equally as much, and that is Mrs. Latitudinarianism—a well-known character who has made the discovery that all of us are alike.

Now, I believe that a man may be saved in any church. Some have been saved in the Church of Rome—a few blessed men whose names I could mention here. I know, blessed be God, that multitudes are saved in the Church of England; she has a host of pious, praying men in her midst. I think that all sections of Protestant Christians have a remnant according to the election of grace; and they had need to have, some of them, a little salt, for otherwise they would go to corruption. But when I say that, do you imagine that I think them all on a level? Are they all alike truthful?

One sect says infant baptism is right; another says it is wrong; yet you say they are both right. I cannot see that.

One teaches we are saved by free grace; another says that we are not, but are saved by free will; and yet you believe they are both right. I do not understand that.

One says that God loves His people and never leaves off loving them; another says that He did not love His people before they loved Him—that He often loves them, and then ceases to love them, and turns them away. They may be both right in the main; but can they both be right when one says "Yes," and the other says "No"? I must have a pair of spectacles to enable me to look backwards and forwards at the same time, before I can see that. It cannot be, sirs, that they are both right.

But some say they differ upon non-essentials. This text says, "I have written to him the great things of my law." There is nothing in God's Bible which is not great. Did ever any of you sit down to see which was the purest religion? "Oh," say you, "we never took the trouble. We went just where our father and mother went." Ah! that is a profound reason indeed. You went where your father and mother did. I thought you were sensible people; I didn't think you went where other people pulled you, but went of your own selves.

I love my parents above all that breathe, and the very thought that they believe a thing to be true helps me to think it is correct; but I have not followed them; I belong to a different de-

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nomination, and I thank God I do. I can receive them as Christian brethren and sisters; but I never thought that, because they happened to be one thing, I was to be the same. No such thing. God gave me brains, and I will use them; and if you have any intellect, use it too. Never say it doesn't matter.

Whatever God has put here is of eminent importance; He would not have written a thing that was indifferent. Whatever is here is of some value; therefore, search all questions, try all by the Word of God. I am not afraid to have what I preach tried by this book. Only give me a fair field and no favor, and this book; if I say anything contrary to it, I will withdraw it the next Sabbath-day. By this I stand, by this I fall. Search and see; but don't say, "it does not matter." If God says a thing, it always must be of importance.

### Certain Fundamental Truths are Most Important

But, while all things in God's word are important, all are not equally important. There are certain fundamental and vital truths which must be believed, or otherwise no man would be saved. If you want to know what you must believe, if ye would be saved, you will find the great things of God's law between these two covers; they are all contained here.

As a sort of digest or summary of the great things of law, I remember an old friend of mine once saying, "Ah! you preach the three R's, and God will always bless you." I said, "What are the three R's?" and he answered, "Ruin, redemption, and regeneration." They contain the sum substance of divinity. R for ruin. We were all ruined in the fall; we were all lost when Adam sinned, and we were all ruined by our own transgressions; we are all ruined by our evil hearts, and our own wicked wills; and we all shall be ruined, unless grace saves us. Then there is a second R for redemption. We are ransomed by the blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish and without spot; we are rescued by his power; we are ransomed by his strength. Then there is R for regeneration. If we would be pardoned, we must also be regenerated; for no man can partake of redemption unless he is regenerate. Let him be as good as he pleases; let him serve God, as he imagines, as much as he likes; unless he is regenerate and has a new heart, a new birth, he will be in the first R, that is ruin.

These things contain an epitome of the gospel. I believe there is a better epitome in the five points of Calvinism;—Election according to the foreknowledge of God; the natural depravity and sinfulness of man; particular redemption by the blood of Christ; effectual calling by the power of the Spirit; and ultimate perseverance by the efforts of God's might. I think all those need to be believed, in order to salvation; but I should not like to write a creed like the Athanasian, beginning with "Who-soever shall be saved, before all things it is necessary that he should hold the Catholic faith, which faith is this,"—when I got so far, I should stop, because I should not know what to write. I hold the Catholic faith of the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible. It is not for me to draw up creeds; but I ask

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you to search the Scriptures, for this is the word of life.

God says, "I have written to him the great things of my law." Do ye doubt their greatness? Do ye think they are not worth your attention? Reflect a moment, man. Where art thou standing now?

*Lo, on a narrow neck of land,  
'Twixt two unbounded seas I stand;  
An inch of time, a moment's space,  
May lodge me in heavenly place,  
Or shut me up in hell.*

I recollect standing on a seashore once, upon a narrow neck of land, thoughtless that the tide might come up. The tide kept continually washing up on either side, and, wrapped in thoughts, I still stood there, until at last there was the greatest difficulty in getting on shore. You and I stand each day on a narrow neck, and there is one wave coming up there; see how near it is to your foot; and lo! another follows at every tick of the clock; "Our hearts, like muffled drums, are beating funeral marches to the tomb." We are always tending downwards to the grave each moment that we live. This book tells me that if I am converted, when I die, there is a Heaven of joy and love to receive me; it tells me that angels' pinions shall be stretched, and I, borne by strong cherubic wings, shall out-soar the lightning, and mount beyond the stars, up to the throne of God to dwell forever.

*"Far from a world of grief and sin,  
With God eternally shut in."*

Oh! it makes the hot tear start from my eye, it makes my heart too big for this my body, and my brain whirls at the thought of

*"Jerusalem, my happy home,  
Name ever dear to me."*

Oh! that sweet scene beyond the clouds; sweet fields arrayed in living green, and rivers of delight. Are not these great things? But then, poor unregenerate soul, the Bible says if thou art lost, thou art lost forever; it tells thee that if thou diest without Christ, without God, there is no hope for thee; that there is no place without a gleam of hope, where thou shalt read, in burning letters, "Ye knew your duty, but ye did it not;" it tells you, that ye shall be driven from His presence with a "depart, ye cursed." Are not these great things? Yes, sirs, as Heaven is desirable, as Hell is terrible, as time is short, as eternity is infinite, as the soul is precious, as pain is to be shunned,

as Heaven is to be sought, as God is eternal, and as His words are sure, these are great things, things ye ought to listen to.

### III. Treatment of the Bible

Our last point is: *The treatment which the poor Bible receives in this world; it is accounted a strange thing. What does that mean—the Bible accounted a strange thing?*

### Some People Never Read It!

In the first place, it means that it is very strange to some people, because they never read it. I remember reading, on one occasion, the sacred story of David and Goliath, and there was a person present, positively grown up to years of maturity, who said to me, "Dear me! what an interesting story; what book is that in?" And I recollect a person once coming to me in private; I spoke to her about her soul, she told me how deeply she felt, how she had a desire to serve God, but she found another law in her members. I turned to a passage in Romans, and read to her, "The good that I would I do not; and the evil which I would not that I do!" She said, "Is that in the Bible? I did not know it." I did not blame her, because she had no interest in the Bible till then; but I did not wonder that there could be found persons who knew nothing about such a passage.

Ah! you know more about your ledgers than your Bible; you know more about your day books than what God has written; many of you will read a novel from beginning to end, and what have you got? A mouthful of froth when you have done. But you cannot read the Bible; that solid, lasting, substantial, and satisfying food goes uneaten, locked up in the cupboard of neglect; while anything that man writes, a catch of the day, is greedily devoured.

"I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing." Ye have never read it. I bring the broad charge against you. Perhaps, ye say, I ought not to charge you with any such thing. I always think it better to have a worse

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opinion of you than too good a one. I charge you with this: you do not read your Bibles. Some of you never have read it through. I know I speak what your heart must say is honest truth. You are not Bible readers. You say you have the Bible in your houses; do I think you are such heathens as not to have a Bible? But when did you read it last? How do you know that your spectacles, which you have lost, have not been there for the last three years? Many people have not turned over its pages for a long time, and God might say unto them, "I have written unto you the great things of my law, but they have been accounted unto you a strange thing."

### To Some People The Bible Is Uninteresting

Others there be who read the Bible; but when they read it, they say it is so horribly dry. That young man over there says it is a "bore," that is the word he uses. He says, "My mother says to me, when you go up to town, read a chapter every day. Well, I thought I would please her, and I said I would. I am sure I wish I had not. I did not read a chapter yesterday, or the day before. We were so busy, I could not help it." You do not love the Bible, do you? "No, there is nothing in it which is interesting." Ah, I thought so. But a little while ago I could not see anything in it. Do you know why? Blind men cannot see, can they? But when the Spirit touches the scales of the eyes, they fall off; and when

he puts eye-salves on, then the Bible becomes precious.

I remember a minister who went to see an old lady, and he thought he would give her some precious promises out of the Word of God. Turning to one, he saw written in the margin "P." and he asked, "What does this mean?" "That means precious, sir." Further down, he saw "T. and P." and he asked what the letters meant. "That," she said, "means tried and proved, for I have tried and proved it." If you have tried God's word and proved it—if it is precious to your soul, then you are Christians; but those persons who despise the Bible, have "neither part nor lot in the matter." If it is dry to you, you will be dry at last in Hell. If you do not esteem it as better than your necessary food, there is no hope for you; for you lack the greatest evidence of your Christianity.

### Some Hate The Bible

Alas! alas! the worst case is to come. There are some people who hate the Bible as well as despise it. Is there such a one stepped in here? Some of you said, "Let us go and hear what the young preacher has to say to us." This is what he has to say to you: "Behold, ye despisers, and wonder and perish." This is what he hath to say to you: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all that forget God."

And this, again He has to say to you: "Behold, there shall come in the last days, mockers, like yourselves, walking after your own lusts." But more: he tells you to-night that if you are saved, you must find salvation here. Therefore, despise not the Bible; but search it, read it, and come unto it. Rest thee well assured, O scorner, that thy laughs cannot alter truth, thy jests cannot avert thine inevitable doom. Though in thy hardihood thou shouldst make a league with death, and sign a covenant with Hell—yet swift justice shall overtake thee, and strong vengeance strike thee low. In vain dost thou jeer and mock, for eternal verities are mightier than thy sophistries, nor can thy smart sayings alter the divine truth of a single word of this volume of Revelation. Oh! why dost thou quarrel with thy best friend, and ill-treat thy only refuge? There yet remains hope, even for the scorner. Hope in a Saviour's veins. Hope in the Father's mercy. Hope in the Holy Spirit's omnipotent agency.

I have done when I have said one word. My friend, the philosopher, says it may be very well for me to urge people to read the Bible; but he thinks there are a great many sciences far more interesting and useful than theology. *Extremely obliged to you for your opinion, sir.* What science do you mean? The science of dissecting beetles and arranging butterflies? "No," you say, "certainly not." The science then, of arranging stones, and telling us of the strata of the earth? "No, not exactly that." What science then? "Oh,

all sciences," say you, "are better than the science of the Bible." Ah! sir, that is your opinion; and it is because you are far from God, that you say so. But the science of Jesus Christ is the most excellent of sciences. Let no one turn away from the Bible because it is not a book of learning and wisdom. It is.

Would ye know astronomy? It is here: it tells you of the Sun of Righteousness and the Star of Bethlehem. Would you know botany? It is here: it tells you of the plant of renown—the Lily of the Valley, and the Rose of Sharon. Would you know geology and mineralogy? You shall learn it here: for you may read of the Rock of Ages, and the White Stone with the name engraven thereon, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. Would ye study history? Here is the most ancient of all records of the history of the human race: Whate'er your science is, come and bend o'er this book; your science is here. Come and drink out of this fair fount of knowledge and wisdom, and ye shall find yourselves made wise unto salvation. Wise and foolish, babes and men, gray-headed sires, youths and maidens—I speak to you, I plead with you, I beg of you respect your Bibles, and search them out, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and these are they which testify of Christ.

I have done. Let us go home and practice what we have heard. I have heard of a woman, who, when she was asked what she remembered of the minister's sermon, said, "I don't recollect anything of it. It was about short weights and bad measures, and I didn't recollect anything but to go home and burn the bushels." So, if you will remember to go home and burn the bushel; if you will recollect to go home and read your Bibles, I shall have said enough. And may God, in His infinite mercy, when you read your Bibles, pour into your souls the illuminating rays of the Sun of Righteousness, by the agency of the ever-adorable Spirit; then you will read to your profit and to your soul's salvation.

We may say of The Bible:

*God's cabinet of revealed counsel 't is!*

*Where weal and woe, are ordered so*

*That every man may know which shall be his;*

*Unless his own mistake, false application make.*

*It is the index to eternity.*

*He cannot miss of endless bliss,*

*That takes this chart to steer by,*

*Nor can he be mistook, that speaketh by this book.*

*It is the book of God. What if I should*

*Say, God of books, let him that looks*

*Angry at that expression, as too bold,*

*His thoughts in silence smother,*

*till he find such another.*

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think ye of the church members?" It does not matter whether they are hypocrites or not. It does not matter in this at all. Every tub has to stand on its own bottom. You are going to be saved or lost, not by my sins, but by your own relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ.

You know that throughout the New Testament, especially in this question, by word, by thought, by inference, the problem we face is answered. It is written in the first chapter of Matthew, verse 20:

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost, and she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

That is what the angels think about the Lord Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of David, the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. But, that is not the question. It is not a question of what angels think about him. The question is, "What think ye of the Lord Jesus Christ?"

Back yonder, the question was proposed to the Apostle John. We read his making this statement:

"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God, the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."—John 1:1-5.

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."—John 1:11, 12.

Then we have his statement again:

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)"—I John 1:1, 2.

That is what John the apostle thinks of the Son of God. He says He was the Word; He was God encased in the flesh. That is not the question. The question is not what John thinks about Him. The question is, "What think ye of the Lord Jesus Christ?"

The Son of God had a cousin by the name of John. We call him John the Baptist, or perhaps John the Baptizer, either way you want to put it. They asked him, "What do you think about Jesus?" He said, "He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matt. 3:11b). He said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). That is not the question. The question is not what John the Baptist thought about Jesus Christ. The question is, "What do you think about the Lord Jesus Christ?"

There came a Jew who faced all sorts of obstacles on his start in his Christian life. Then he had many more bitter experiences when he became a Christian. His name, you remember, was Paul the apostle. Paul tells us:

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons"—Gal. 4:4, 5. He says again: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also

hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."—Phil. 2:5-11.

That is what Paul thought of Him. That is not the question. The question is not what did Paul think of Him. The question is, "What think ye of Christ?"

Oh, yes, when someone asks us, "What about Jesus?" we answer so glibly with words out of the Bible, but let me tell you something. I have no time to develop it, and I want you to be very careful the way you interpret, or misinterpret my words. Hear me! I mean every syllable of it. I am not satisfied with the Jesus of the Bible only. I am not satisfied with the Jesus of the angels. I am not satisfied with the Jesus of John the Baptist, or of John the apostle, or of Paul. I want the Jesus of Hyman Appleman! Thank God, I have Him! I have Him in my heart! I experience Him. I can tell what happened to me when I became a Christian. I can tell you what is happening between Jesus and me now.

You remember Peter, good old Peter, the one upon whom we throw off so often. Yet Peter came out for Jesus. You remember the story:

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."—Matthew 16:13-16.

Almost every other time in the gospels when Peter opened his mouth, he put both feet into it. This time he most certainly did himself proud. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." That still is not the question. The question is not, "What did Peter think about Christ?" We know that. The question is, "What do you think about the Lord Jesus Christ?"

There came a time when the matchless Son of God had an experience with beings from another world. Let me read it to you:

"And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?"—Matt. 8:28, 29.

Yes, demons said that He was the Son of God. That is not the question. The question is not what demons think about Him, but, "What do ye think about the Lord Jesus Christ?"

Shall we analyze the question? First of all, my beloved friends, what do you think of the character of the Lord Jesus Christ? Second, what do you think of the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ? Third, what do you think of the conquest of the Lord Jesus Christ?

### What Think Ye of the Character of Christ?

What think ye of the character of the Lord Jesus Christ? He was born in a Galilean peasant home, in a Galilean family. He was born under a cloud, the cloud of illegitimacy. He was born in the city of Nazareth, which to this day is considered a place of beneath decent regard. He did not have the privileges, the opportunities that were granted to many of my people, the Jews, in His day and time. For thirty years His life was spent in such absolute obscurity and darkness, in a corner of the world that there is but one slight, authentic mention of His experiences outside the gospels. By God's own plan and

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decree, Jesus Christ is almost lost to us during those first thirty years. He never went to any school, as far as we know. I suppose, knowing what my people do, that He did go to the school out there in Nazareth. He never sat at the feet of Gamaliel. He never sat at the feet of Shammai. He never sat at the feet of Hillel. He seemed to have come but once to the temple to listen to the arguments and discussions of the rabbis. He stepped out of Nazareth an unknown, to be baptized of John in the Jordan. He began to preach, to perform His miracles. At the very utmost, He preached and worked less than four years. Yet on the impress of His personality, on the impact of His preaching, there has been established not only the Christian religion, but an entire civilization, that, in spite of all its faults, is greater than anything this world has ever seen.

But, He associated with the down and outs. He dwelt with the riffraff, with the outcasts, with the down-trodden, with the oppressed. He seemed to have a passion for the wicked, for the vile, for the sinful, for the dishonored, the disgraced, the disinherited. Here is Brother Lanahan. You heard Dr. Muntz tell you that he has been pastor in Anderson, Indiana, in the Brethren Church, for seventeen years. Of course people have confidence in him, in his life, in his Christianity, in his religion, in his love and loyalty to the cause of the Redeemer. But, supposing Dr. Lanahan were to spend his days with harlots, with thieves, with bums, with racketeers, with worse people than that. Supposing he were to go to saloons, to juke-joints, to cabarets, to night clubs. Would the people in Anderson still believe in him? Not on your tinfoil. They would ask him to resign his church, to leave town, no matter what his motives might be. Yet, the Lord Jesus went down into the purlieus of Hell and came out with the scent of Heaven upon Him. His clothing, His body, His mind, His thoughts, His walk, His relationships were never tainted by the fact that there surrounded Him day and night the worst people that have ever lived upon the top side of this, God's green footstool. For nineteen hundred years He has been bisected, and trisected, and hundred-sected. He has been analyzed. He has been discussed. He has been criticized. He has been taken apart more than all the rest of men put together. He can still stand before us to say to a gainsaying world, to a critical world, "Which one of you convicts me of sin?" What do you think of His character?

Where did He get His wisdom? Where did He get His mighty words? Where did He get the power to associate with the Devil, with the Devil's crew and come out of the transaction cleaner than any white-winged angel who has never been called upon to leave the presence of God, the glory-graced streets of Heaven? I say to you, my friends, it is only because He is the Son of God with the power of divinity in Him, that such a thing could be at all possible.

### What Think Ye of the Cross of Christ?

What do you think of His cross? I do not mean the wooden cross on which He stretched Himself out to die. I do not mean His atoning death. I do not mean the virtue of His saving blood. That is not what I am concerned about now. This is an argument for Christ, if you will have it. We need these facts every once in a while renewed, restored, revived, replanted in our hearts and minds, that the cold, miserable, bitter, Devil-driven, gainsaying, doubting, questioning, arguing, debating, criticizing, fault-finding world, may not cool off our faith in and faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ. "What think ye of His cross?"

Here is what I am talking about. He stood before Caiaphas. He stood before the Sanhedrin. He stood before the ruler of His people. The ruler of His people,

Caiaphas, asked Him, "Art thou the Son of God?" Jesus was no fool. He knew that Caiaphas was out to trap Him. He knew that making Himself the Son of God, according to the Jewish law, would be blasphemy, and blasphemy was punishable by death, by stoning. He knew that although the Jews had lost their power to execute any one, they could turn Him over to the Roman authorities to be slain. Aye, He stood before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin. Caiaphas questioned Him, "Art thou the Son of God?" One of two things is true. One of three things is true. Either Jesus Christ was a charlatan, or Jesus Christ was a fool, or else Jesus Christ was the Son of God. Turning to Caiaphas, His plain answer rang out in the hall, "I am. I AM, and henceforth thou shalt see the Son of God coming in his glory." Why did He say that? If He said anything else, He would have been a liar. He would not have been the Son of God. He knew that all He had to do was to say to Caiaphas, "No, I am not the Son of God. The people are mistaken. That is not what I am preaching." Caiaphas would have bought Him an airplane ticket back to Nazareth. He would have been so glad to get rid of Him. Why, Caiaphas would have taken Him out before the people. Caiaphas would have feasted Him. Caiaphas would have blessed Him. Caiaphas would have admired Him. Caiaphas would have praised Him. Caiaphas would have backed Him up. He would have been so glad to get rid of this troublesome Son of God. Jesus stood facing death for saying, "I am the Son of God."

He appeared before Pilate, the procurator of the mighty Roman Empire, who by one word could have set Him free, as by one word he sent Him to His death. Pilate queried, "Art thou the King of the Jews?" What did Pilate care about the Son of God? What did Pilate care about the quibbles, about the quarrels of those miserable Jews? Perhaps he had a worse name for them than miserable, than misbegotten. Pilate was not interested in that at all. Here was a man who claimed to be the King of the Jews. Caesar was the king of the Jews. It was treason, rank, unqualified, absolute treason, for anybody to say, "Yes, I am the King of the Jews." Caesar, in his mighty pomp and splendor in Rome, was the king of all the known world. The Jews were the most rebellious people that he had. Pilate ruled them with a rod of iron, with a hand of steel. Pilate was afraid of them. He would not give them any chance to rebel. Here was a man standing before him claiming to be the King of the Jews. Pilate was only half serious in the examination, "Art thou the King of the Jews?" Jesus knew what was involved, even as you or I know now. He knew that if He said, "Yes," it would be treason. He knew that if He said, "Yes," Pilate would slay Him. He knew that if He said, "Yes," that would be the end of His life. He also knew that if He said, "No," Pilate would have been only too glad to have gotten rid of Him, to be rid of the entire vexing problem. But no, straight into the face of Pilate, Jesus looked as He spoke the fateful words, "Thou sayest." Jesus knew this meant the cross. He could not help Himself. He was the Son of God. He could not lie. What think ye of the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ? What think ye of the events leading up to it, the antecedents, the absolute ability of Jesus Christ to have escaped, to have avoided the cross, had He wanted to do so? But, no, He was there, the Son of God, to go through to the bitter end in atoning for our sins. He was not going to take a step backward.

### What Think Ye of the Conquests of Christ?

What do you think of His conquests? What think ye of His conquests? Listen! I attended for a season some classes in the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. It was during the summer time, and every day we had lecturers. It just happened

that there were students and professors from all over the world that summer in that great university in Dallas, in that great state of Texas. At any rate, one of our speakers was a Mohammedan who had become a Christian. I remember him, a tall, slender man with a small beard, and very gentle looking, very sweet in his words, although his English was quite broken. I have forgotten everything that he said. I remember the subject that he spoke on, "The Growth of Christianity in the Near East." He said a word that I have never forgotten and never shall. He said, this lecturer who had come from the Near East to attend a conference of the great Methodist people in the Southern Methodist University, this Mohammedan who had become a Christian, that if he had a choice between being a donkey and a woman in a Mohammedan country, he would get a donkey because he would get a better chance. Why? Why is it that you sweet sisters can sit here on the same level with us men instead of being our playthings, our chattels, our slaves? Shall I tell you? Jesus Christ has broken off the shackles of your slavery.

I was born in a city in Russia in 1902. I left it in 1914. It had a population of over 150,000 people. In that city there were many thousands of children. There were four schools, two grade schools, one junior college, and in all of the four schools put together there were not 1,500 students. Jesus Christ had not been given a chance in that vast dark land. In that town there were three doctors and one hospital, not enough to go around. We did not know the first thing about a dentist. We did not know the first thing about an orphan's home, or an old folk's home. Why is America so blessed of God? Because the Lord Jesus Christ has had a chance in this country.

There is not one of us who has ever read the historic incident who

can possibly forget it. It is as true as anything in God's Holy Word. You remember one of the prime ministers of England brought a Zulu king and his retinue, his group of attendants, from the heart of Africa, to visit Queen Victoria in London. Have you ever seen a Zulu in a circus? Have you ever seen a Zulu picture? Why every last man of them is taller than six feet. Fine, gigantic, brawny, muscular, strong, able men they are. Queen Victoria entertained that king of the Zulu nation. She took him from place to place, accompanying him in her own chariot. She showed him the Bank of England, her treasures, the tower of London, the great British crown. They stood by at the changing of the guard. She took him to the admiralty building, told him about her far-flung armies and navies, about her admirals, her captains, her sailors. She told him about the might, the expanse, the wealth, the world circling territory of the tremendous British Empire. May God have mercy on it now and keep it from falling to pieces.

When the shades of evening began to settle on London, the queen and the Zulu king came back to the palace. It was dark. The great palace lights went on. The queen sat on her mighty throne, her courtiers standing around her. The Zulu chief stood in front of her in his barbaric finery, with the Zulu retinue behind him. Leaning on his tremendous spear, he said, "White mother, I shall never dare tell my people what I have seen today. I shall never dare tell my people what you have shown me today. If I did, they would slay me alive for a liar. They would kill me. They would roast me over a slow fire for a liar. They would never believe one-hundredth of the things you showed me. There is one question I want to ask you." Lifting his gigantic, heavy spear, shaking it as though it were a reed, he spoke somewhat hoarsely,

"You would find heavy this spear. There are very few of your men who could throw it a hundred feet." Turning to his warriors, then to the queen's assemblage of courtiers and soldiers, he said, "My men are stronger than yours. I have many, many people, men, women, lands, cattle, wealth. Why is it that you are so great and my people are so small?"

Queen Victoria slowly rose to her feet. She stepped to one side of the throne dais, stepped down to a rather small table. All watched her. On that table was a leather covered book. She picked it up reverently. Of course, you know what the book was. It was her Bible. Looking quietly into the Zulu's face, she said, "King, the foundation of my empire is not built on the strength of my men, of my women, but on this Book!"

Oh, would to God somebody would tell it to Harry Truman, to the rest of our leaders in Washington, to the Governor of every state, to the leader of every business. Would that America would learn before it is too late that righteousness exalteth a nation, and sin is a reproach to any people. From one end of this earth to the other, where the stately

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steppings of the Galilean Son of God have been witnessed in the activities of men, civilization has come, grown, advanced, progressed. Oh, yes, I know, they criticize, they find fault with us, they rationalize, they psychologize, they philosophize, they say, "Look at your Christianity! Look at your church! Why, in these modern times of the church, of the gospel we have had two of the worst wars." To be sure we have. Just think of what things would have been like if there had been no Christianity, if there had been no civilization based on the New Testament.

What about the conquests of civilization based on the New Testament of Christ in the lives of individuals? Back yonder there was a tinker man. He was definitely not too good a man. He drank a great deal. He cursed foully, bitterly, terribly. He was totally indifferent to the things of God and of the Spirit. The Lord Jesus Christ met him, broke his heart, called him to preach the gospel, allowed him to spend

twelve years in jail. He wrote that book, *Pilgrim's Progress*, as his testimony to the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Hear me! Out yonder in the Seminary where I went to school, one day a young fellow student got into the car with me. He had a church in Oklahoma. I had a church in Oklahoma. If you won't laugh, I'll tell you the name of his church. It was Rabbit Creek, Oklahoma, Baptist Church. Rabbit Creek! That is not nearly so bad. There is a church out there, Bow Legs, Oklahoma! It has 1,800 members, too. They are not bow-legged, either. Bow Legs, Oklahoma. It is there in the oil fields, just outside of Tulsa. There are also Broken Arrow, and Silver Spoon, and towns like that. Beautiful names! It was raining. We could not drive very fast. He told me the story of his life and conversion. I knew him of course. We were in classes together. I had never had an opportunity before to really talk to him. He said he was raised in the Delta. You know what the Delta is—Mississippi and Louisiana. He was raised just outside of Clarksdale. I've been there, in his home town, in the store that some of his people run. He went to Mississippi College. He began to drink and gamble. He was kicked out of school. He got a job as a travelling salesman. He went from bad to worse.

One night, in a dreadful attack of delirium tremens, he almost died, in a hotel in Vicksburg, Mississippi. When the attack left him high and dry, stranded, strained, blue, he decided his life was ruined. There was just one more thing for him to do—commit suicide. He left the hotel, walked

out and across that Mississippi bridge near Vicksburg. I have been over it many times, paid many a dollar for toll across that bridge. He walked up on that bridge and stood there watching the mighty, muddy Father of Waters. It was night, of course, around eight o'clock. He decided he would have one last smoke. He reached for his rumpled pack, pulled out a cigarette, threw the rest of them in the river. He did not need them any more, he thought. Then he began to hunt for a match. Whether he did not have any, or whether he was too confused to find one, I don't know. There came another pedestrian on that bridge. As he passed our friend, the young man said shakily,

"Mister, excuse me, have you got a match? I can't seem to find a match to light my cigarette."

The man said, "Sure, here's a box of them."

The young fellow took it, scratched one and tried to light the cigarette, but could not do it. His hands were trembling. A second one! He could not make it wax. A third one. Again a failure.

The other man said, "Let me try." The match caught fire. A friendly hand protected it. The cigarette began to glow.

The stranger looked at our friend to say, "What are you doing out here all alone this time of the night?"

"Oh, I'm just looking around."

"I just got off from work. I was going home, but my wife is away. Before I go home all alone I'd like to go somewhere to have a sandwich and a cup of coffee. I hate to eat alone. Mister, would you mind coming for a sandwich and a cup of coffee with me?"

"I don't want a thing to eat."

"Well, a cup of coffee won't hurt you."

Finally they went to a small place, to a tiny restaurant near the river. They ate a sandwich and drank several cups of coffee each. Finishing the host man paid the check. "Boy, you know I've decided I don't want to go home. Let's you and I go somewhere! I know a place where we can have a good time."

"Where?"

"Never mind, let's go." Refusing to take no for an answer, the new acquaintance, putting his arm through our young fellow's arm, led down the street. Where do you think they went? They went to a church. It was in the midst of a revival. The two located themselves on the back seat. Our young fellow listened. The service over, the two departed. Our man went to his room, sobered up, cleaned up completely, went home. He got home Friday. Sunday morning he went to the church with his family. The preacher finished preaching, gave the invitation. Our friend walked down the aisle, blinded with his tears, gave his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. A few weeks later he knelt at the altar again and said, "The Lord has called me to preach the gospel."

He came to the Seminary in Fort Worth. One day he was sitting in the Texas Hotel when a travelling salesman who had known him accosted him. "Well, Charlie, surely glad to see you. Haven't seen you for years, seems like. Did you change your business?"

"Yes."

"You still selling?"

"Yes."

"Well, before we talk, let's go up to my room and have a drink."

"Gladly."

The two elevated up. Opening up his valise, the traveller reached for a bottle of Scotch, got two glasses, rinsed them, brought them out, filled them about half full.

"All right, Charlie, here's yours."

Charlie took the glass.

Raising his own the man said, "All right, Charlie, bottoms up."

Charlie spoke up quickly, "Wait a minute. I want to tell you what I am selling now. I want to tell you my business."

The hotel room heard the story of salvation. They poured out their whisky. They broke the bottle. They got down on their knees. The man gave his heart to Christ.

When God saves a man, He does a complete job. I tell you, though all the heavens fall, though the earth shake and tremble, though all the demons in Hell stand and deny it, one testimony like the one I just told you, one experience like Hyman Appelman's would be enough to say, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." My time is almost up, so I ask you to consider with me the last word.

### What Think Ye of the Claims of Christ?

The question, "What think ye of Christ?" becomes "What will you do with His claims?" He claims to be the only Saviour. He says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me." He says, "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life" in words that burn, and blaze, and warn, and thunder, and convict, and compel, and constrain. Jesus Christ says there is not any other Saviour. What will you do with His claims?

He claims not only to be the only Saviour, but the only resurrection. He says, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whoso liveth and believeth in me shall never die." In words that sound like Hell fury, in words that are as sweet as Heaven's music, Jesus Christ tells us that there is a resurrection at His coming for those who believe, and another resurrection a thousand years later for those who die in their sins. He claims to be the only resurrection unto life eternal. What will you do with His claims, not only as Saviour, but as the resurrection?

The Lord Jesus Christ claims to be the only judge. He says, "The Father judgeth no man, but hath given, appointed, put over into the hands of his Son judgment." Jesus Christ is the one judge. Jesus Christ is the mighty

tribunal. No wonder Paul the apostle said, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ." No wonder at the end of time they will cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them, to hide them from the face of Him who sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. O beloved, if you will not accept Him as Saviour here, you will have to face Him as judge and executioner hereafter. What will you do with His claim as judge?

By your generous, gracious leave, permit me one more word and I am done. Not only does He claim to be the only Saviour, not only does He claim to be the only resurrection and the only judge, but He claims to be the only Lord! He says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." You know for years that statement in Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God hath also highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" confused me. I could not understand what it meant—that every knee of things in Heaven, and earth, and under the earth should confess Christ as Lord. I say to you, my beloved friends, you can have your choice. God give you the grace—this morning to make the right choice. You can have Him as your Saviour, as your resurrection, as your Lord, or you must have Him as your judge, as your executioner, in the torments of Hell forever. He is the Christ, the only begotten, the living, the dying, the resurrected, the interceding, the saving, the sustaining, the keeping, the second-coming, the glorifying Christ of God. Will you have Him as your Christ? God give you the grace for it.

### You, Reader; How Will You Answer the Claims of Christ?

Let the editor add an earnest plea to Dr. Appelman's sermon. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is all He claims to be? Do you admit that He is Son of God, Coming King, the Judge before Whom all must stand? Do you believe He is the only Saviour for sinners, Who died to save you? Now what will you do with Him? Today you are already forgiven or already condemned. You are saved or lost. Today you are now refusing Jesus Christ, rejecting Him, or you have accepted Him. If you are yet unconverted, I beg you today surrender to Jesus Christ, depend on Him to save you. He has plainly promised "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). He promises "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). The moment you turn in your heart from your sins and depend upon Jesus Christ with all your heart, that moment He will make you a child of God, forgive all your sins. I beg you decide today!

If you will here and now trust in Jesus Christ, depend upon Him, and claim Him as your own Saviour, I beg you sign the decision form below, copy in a letter, and mail to this editor. I will gladly write you a letter of comfort and counsel, and rejoice with you. Do it now!

Evangelist John R. Rice  
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. Hyman Appelman's sermon "The Question You Must Answer." I confess myself to be a poor lost sinner. I believe that Jesus is all He claimed to be, and that He wants to save my soul. Here and now I turn my heart from my sins. This moment I turn to Christ in my heart. I trust Him to save me. I depend upon Him to forgive all my sins and give me everlasting life and save my soul today! I give Him my heart forever. By His help I will confess Him as my Saviour and will set out to live for Him from this time forth.

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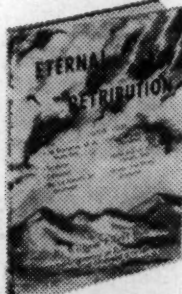
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## Socialism Anti-Christian

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### I. Socialism Comes With Decay of Morals and Principles

You ask, "Is not socialism a natural and sensible or to-be-expected development?"

ANSWER: The development of socialism is natural in the sense that man is inherently wicked. The human heart is deceitful. For this reason, human governments usually start out better and end worse. The rise and fall of empires all over the world shows this principle. As people prosper, they decay in morals and more and more try to gain some advantage over their fellows, some way to make a living without work, some way to be supported by the government. For example, during the Roman Empire shortly before its fall, the government put on great exhibitions to keep the common rabble, the plebians, content. They had great exhibitions in the Colosseum at Rome, gladiatorial combats, combats with wild beasts. They even made a lake in the Colosseum and built ships and had sea battles with the death of many, to please the thousands of idle populace and keep their support. The government furnished free bread, importing wheat. For a season the government seemed to prosper with armies conquering other countries and bringing in heavier taxes. But the moral quality among the people broke down. Decay in home life and business, as well as corruption in government, increased until the Roman Empire fell. That is something like the story of all nations. That is why socialism or other immoral and anti-Christian principles are likely to prosper and are "to-be-expected" developments.

Socialism was fathered by Karl Marx. An essential part of his doctrine is atheism. Karl Marx says that religion is "the opiate of the people." The doctrines of socialism are anti-Christian and he knew it. They are contrary to the Bible and he knew it. Communism, which grew out of socialism, retained the essential teachings of Karl Marx, and socialism is always headed toward communism. The only essential difference is that socialists try to have a peaceful revolution, while communists want a violent overthrow of government for the same ends.

### II. Bible Clearly Opposes Socialist Doctrine and Practice

You ask, "If we had a capable, honest, respectable, talented Christian national leader, instead of the pigmy and unscrupulous one, as that at present, I am wondering if we would not be less opposed?"

ANSWER: But you suppose an impossibility. An out-and-out Christian cannot be an out-and-out socialist. Those who do not know what socialism means may think so, or those who do not know what the Bible teaches may think so. But those who know the Bible and who know socialism, know that they are incompatible, that they are mutually exclusive. Karl Marx knew that. It is no accident that he was an atheist and insisted that atheism must go with socialism, and that the socialist state must put down religion.

There are certain great Bible principles which outlaw socialism as un-Christian and immoral. Some of these principles are as follows:

#### 1. The Right of Private Ownership of Property

This is clearly expressed in the Ten Commandments, in the commands, "Thou shalt not steal" and "Thou shalt not covet" (Exod. 20: 15, 17). It is made clear in the Bible provision, "If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him." Here the right of private ownership of property is very explicitly stated. And a man is allowed to defend his property even to the point of killing the

thief that comes at night, who could not otherwise be caught and punished. And throughout the Mosaic law, and throughout the New Testament epistles, it is made clear that private ownership of property is a sacred right of individuals.

Socialism teaches that it is better for property to be owned by the mass of people, not by individuals. But there is no such teaching in the Bible. The Bible directly contradicts it.

#### 2. Private Profit a Bible Doctrine

The principle of profit for money invested is clearly taught throughout the Bible. Socialists speak as if profit is sinful. The Bible does not. In the parable of the pounds in Luke 19:11-27 Jesus clearly taught that the man who took one pound (a certain weight of money) and invested it in business and gained ten pounds, was to be commended. "Well, thou good servant; because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities." The man who gained five pounds was praised, but not so much. And the man who did not have any profit on the investment is called "Thou wicked servant." Those who would limit legitimate profits are contrary to the Bible. Those who scoff at profits as unworthy or immoral are silly and wicked.

Again in the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus teaches the principle of private ownership of property, of capital investment, and of profit on investments. Jesus illustrates Himself by the nobleman who delivers his goods to his servants, five talents (many thousands of dollars) to one servant, to another servant two talents and to another, one. Again one servant, who by faithful hard work in business doubled his money, was praised; while the man who brought no profit was condemned. "Thou wicked and slothful servant." When you hear anybody speak slightly of profits as if they were wrong, you may know that he either does not know what the Bible teaches, or that he is deliberately against the Bible and God's plan for men.

Again in the parable of the sower Jesus plainly shows that men should expect profit from their labor. He tells about a farmer who sowed the ground and of the results of the seed sown. "But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold." In other words, it is not wrong, but proper and right, if a farmer can get his seed back a hundred times over. And to get increase of thirtyfold, that is, three thousand per cent is the least figure given! This illustrates that people are to invest their time and their property and use it and expect profit from it. That is the Bible doctrine which socialists deny and which communists deny.

An authority recently revealed that the government now gets two and one-half times as much in taxes from a business as the investors who put up the money and make the business possible can get. For example, a husband died leaving his widow, let us say, \$6,000. We suppose she invests that in the Bethlehem Steel Company stock or in the American Telephone Company stock, as hundreds of thousands of others have done; or she might invest it in a little dry cleaning plant in her own town, or in a garage run by a son or nephew. If she got the normal profit from the business, it might run \$50 a month, which is certainly not much. But after the government takes a big slice to support all its bureaucrats and keep its hundreds of thousands of voters on the payroll, she will get, not \$50 a month, but \$14, the government taking two and one-half times as much for taxes as the widow gets on her life saving upon which she must depend for her declining years. This idea that the government should discourage private enterprise, should take away all but the bare minimum of profit, is a wicked idea, wholly contrary to the teachings of the Bible. It is also deadly dangerous

to the economy of America, making it unprofitable to start new businesses, and unprofitable to risk capital which may be taken in confiscatory taxes and may make a normal return on money impossible.

#### 3. Reward in Proportion to Merit —God's Law of Sowing and Reaping

Connected with this there is a very clear divine law, often stated in the Scriptures, that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he

also reap." One who works harder ought to get more income. One who works less ought to get less. The idea that every man ought to have the same income is silly, as well as anti-Christian. People ought to get what they earn. This is stated also in the Scripture, "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that

are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work and eat their own bread" (II Thess. 3:10-12). Here the Bible clearly teaches that the man who works harder should have more to eat. The man who plans and schemes and toils ought to get greater return for his toil. The manager is worth more than the laborer, worth more to the business, worth more to society, and worthy of more honor before God.

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The socialistic idea that farmers should be paid more for their goods than the law of supply and demand provides is contrary to the Bible. For the law of supply and demand is itself a part of this divine law of sowing and reaping. If what a farmer raises is of benefit to society, there will be a demand for it. He has earned what it sells for. It is good for farmers to have information and help about marketing and about how much demand for certain articles there will be, and what will be the supply. But for the rest of us to have to pay taxes to subsidize farmers and pay them money that they have not earned is sinful. For a factory to have to take on workers they do not need or to pay men more than they earn is wicked. "Feather-bed" jobs on the railroad where a man is paid a day's wages when he does not do a day's work are contrary to the Bible. I have rented theaters for revival services and have had to pay an electrician a full day's wages every day when he did nothing but turn on the lights, and sometimes not even that. That is socialistic but it is anti-Christian and contrary to the Bible. The Bible rule is that people are to reap according as they sow. They are to profit according as they work. Men are to be paid according to their merits.

The socialistic idea as stated by Karl Marx that each one should work as he is able and each one receive according to his needs sounds well—but it is an anti-scriptural statement. What a man receives ought to be in proportion to what he is worth to society, according to the work he does.

So if a good man, a church man,

a professed Christian man, runs for President on a New Deal or socialistic program, then we know that he does not understand the Bible; and however good his intentions, he will lead America away from God. There will be socialists who do know what socialism means—know that it is atheistic and anti-Christian, and that it leads away from the Bible standard of capitalistic free enterprise.

#### 4. Capital, Private Investment for Profit, a Bible Principle

Capitalism is a term hated by many, but actually capitalism simply expresses the doctrine taught in the Bible, that men have a right to save up money, own property, and get return from the use of the money and the use of the property. A man bought a ramshackle old car, painted "taxi" on the sides, and hired a man to run it. He is a capitalist, though he had only \$300 invested. Another man set up a hamburger joint and hired a cook to help him. He is a capitalist. The parables of Jesus again and again tell how He endorses capitalism. He endorsed the capitalism of the nobleman who left pounds with his servants, or talents with his servants, to run his business. He endorsed the capitalism of a man who owned a vineyard and hired workers. The idea that the workers ought to own property without buying it is utterly opposed in the Bible; and John the Baptist preached, "Be content with your wages" (Luke 3:14). The Scripture commands, "Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and

trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ" (Eph. 6:5). And again and again the Bible teaches that the plan of workmen and bosses is of God, that private ownership of property and of hiring of labor is of God, that the investment of capital and taking profit from it honestly is of God.

With these things in mind, you can see that no informed Christian, well-instructed in the Bible, can be a socialist; and when a man appears to be a good Christian and runs on a socialistic platform, you may know that either he does not know what it is all about, or he is friendly to the atheism and the anti-Bible attitude of socialism.

### III. American Business Brought Prosperity, Socialism Actually Hindered

You say, "For my part, I can't help but admit that the common man has a somewhat better economic life than he has ever had."

"Traveling about, I see better farm homes."

"It does seem that our present government is seeking to buy the votes of factory laborers and Negroes and farmers, but we have to admit these three groups were and have been hard-pressed, to put it mildly." Then you mention sawmill workers of the past and others.

#### 1. How Improved Machinery and Business Enterprise Increased Wealth

ANSWER: Yes, there has been an improvement in the lot of farmers and of factory workers and of Negroes, as you say. But you are very wrong in supposing that a socialistic program made that improvement. Primarily that improvement came about by improved machinery, increased production, and by business itself, not by the government.

Let me illustrate: In my boyhood, forty-five years ago, I knew men who had worked on farms all their lives. A man was an old man, bent and worn out, at fifty years of age. He had followed a walking turning-plow, a walking cultivator, had worn himself out working twelve hours a day for many, many years in the greatest toil. But even in my boyhood walking plows gave way to riding plows. Instead of a single mule plowing a six-inch furrow when I was ten years old, we had six mules to a big triple-disc plow. Here a small boy did six times as much work with modern machinery as a mature man had been able to do before. So farm income went up during those days, long before the New Deal.

Today modern farms produce four times as much goods per man-hour of work as they did twenty years ago. The natural increase in farm income, without government subsidies, would have greatly improved farm life. I remember at the close of World War I when it was thought there was not enough land in America to grow food for the multitudes coming. Now we know that ground can be made to produce much, much more, by modern farming methods and with modern machinery. Much marginal land has now been turned back to pasture for this reason. The growth in machinery and in modern methods has brought about a great increase in income per farmer. Likewise in industry—for the average worker now there are thousands of dollars worth of machinery used. In England, the miners who mine with pick and shovel turn out only a fraction as much as miners turn out in America with modern machinery. Don't credit the New Deal for that. Modern business, so hated by socialists, is responsible for the difference.

In offices once men were hired to write out in longhand business letters. Then typewriters came along and greatly increased the output of offices, and of course increased the wages of workers. Now, instead of dictating to a typist, I am dictating to a machine, saving the typist's time. She will work only about half as much in getting this letter written as she would have a few years ago, had I dictated to her shorthand notebook. And at the Sword of the Lord office we have two au-

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In every kind of production, American businessmen and American genius, and free enterprise have so greatly increased the output per man-hour, that income has risen, prices have been made more reasonable (relative to income), and the good things of life have been spread among the multitudes. The New Deal had little to do with this. And what it did have to do with it was wrong.

#### 2. To Take One Man's Rightfully-Earned Property and Give it to Others Unearned, to Get Their Votes, Is Dishonest Demagoguery

Let us say that some people, it is true, have appeared to benefit from the New Deal. Farmers have gotten some money—that they didn't earn, paid to them in subsidies, made up by the rest of us taxpayers. The Muscle Shoals and Tennessee Valley Authorities have gotten electricity to common people some cheaper than other power companies could do so, perhaps. But the rest of us have paid it in taxation. But with taxes mounting sky-high, and with dollars buying less and less, still the government could not keep out of debt. So what really happens is that these people who got government subsidies, who got things they didn't earn from a New Deal government which was buying their votes, simply piled up debts which they and their children will have to pay, or which will topple this government over, sooner or later. No one gets something for nothing. Somebody always has to pay. And crooked politicians who buy votes by giving people what they do not earn, after taking it away from others who do earn it, are doing no favor to America.

The truth is that the increase of prosperity was not brought about by the New Deal, but was brought about by the machine age, by modern civilization, by science applied to daily life; and the government had practically nothing to do with these factors except to hamstring them by public criticism and by enormous taxation, and expensive and crippling red tape.

### IV. Corruption, Waste, Inefficiency and Dishonesty Naturally Go With Socialism

You say, "Again I say, it seems to me that socialism is a part of destiny, but the corruption and the moral rot and dishonesty on the part of our leaders is what makes socialism seem so nasty."

ANSWER: But you are mistaken, and all sincere socialists are mistaken, in supposing that corruption and moral rot and dishonesty of the New Deal administration does not inherently go with socialism. It does. Socialism never did work successfully and it cannot work now for several reasons.

#### 1. Enlightened Self-Interest Expressed in Profit and Wages Are Proper Motives for Work

Enlightened self-interest is a proper motive, and the strongest motive, to get people to work. Wages according to one's work, on the part of labor, and profit according to one's ingenuity and vigilance and careful administration, on the part of management—these are God-appointed motives for work.

Put two people up to work on two jobs, right across the street from each other, and see how it works. Let one man be working under the O.P.A. system, and paid by the government, irrespective of his merits. Let another man be working at his own job, to make money, and you will see that private enterprise works better than socialism. It always has been that way and it always will be that way. Again and again groups of serious, idealistic people, often Christian people, have gotten together to start a communal or collective enterprise, where each would work the best he could and all would share alike. They have

never succeeded for the simple reason that people do not work well where the law of supply and demand, the Bible law of sowing and reaping, does not have proper play. If people are not paid more for more work, they will not do more work.

In management it works the same way. The post office department runs at a deficit all the time. It is owned by the government, and the postmaster general's office is used as a reward for political service. So it costs Americans millions of dollars in taxation to keep up our post office system. But side by side with the postal system, the American Express Company, run by private enterprises, does the same kind of work and makes a profit. And it gives better service. If you don't believe it, try ten different post offices and ten different express offices and see which place you get the most courteous treatment, the most eager service! Bureaucracy is itself hurtful and wrong, and anti-social.

If government owns business, then a man can keep his job not by doing more work, but by keeping a political pull. Then the boss who has political pull can give jobs to those who pay him a little on the side. He does not have to make the business pay anyhow—the government (meaning the rest of us taxpayers) pays all the bills anyway! The more government meddles in business, the more it hires employees, that much more corruption and dishonesty is inevitable.

In England, it has been proven beyond any doubt that the steel mills owned by the government will not turn out as much steel as when they are controlled by private industry. Coal mines owned by the government will not turn out as much coal as when the mines are run by private enterprise. And if the government ever succeeds in socializing medicine, and the government hires the doctors and runs the hospitals, then there will be more malingering by people who are not sick but who want attention, there will be more crookedness among doctors, there will be poorer service in hospitals and by physicians, because in taking away initiative and private enterprise and enlightened self-interest and in killing the profit-motive, we kill the goose that lays the golden egg. Socialistic government kills moral principle, kills initiative, so that necessarily waste, dishonesty, and higher expenses of government administration inevitably come.

For instance, even the poorest people who think they have been helped by government subsidies, taken away from people that earned it, by governments who wanted to use that tax money to buy votes with, would find that, if we could be rid of all the bureaucracy, the red tape, the waste and extravagance of a socialistic government, and if we had only the simple primitive government of the United States of twenty-five or thirty years ago, business would have increased so much more, that the commonest workman would have gained far more in actual benefits than he has by the dishonesty of a socialistic government, which has piled billions of debt upon the people, and has stolen from others their rightful earnings, to buy votes of labor and farmers and other favored classes who had more votes. Actually we have lost in prosperity, not gained, by the socialism in America.

#### 2. Wasteful Meddling of the New Deal Prolonged the Depression, Now Makes Waste, Decreases Production and Prosperity

It is a silly idea, advanced by mountebanks and rabble rousers, that Hoover brought on the depression, and that the New Deal saved America out of the depression. Actually the exact opposite is the truth. America had had great depressions before, but they never lasted more than a few weeks or months at most. But America quickly recovered because the law of supply and demand, the law of sowing and reaping, was allowed to take effect and even

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things up so there could be a quick comeback. But with the meddling of Roosevelt and the New Deal, wages in the union were kept abnormally high, and wherever possible prices were kept high. If men had been allowed to work for whatever they could get, there would not have been unemployment. There was still need for plenty of labor. If farmers had been allowed to sell their goods at whatever the market would bring, they could have sold all their goods. It was silly and wasteful and wicked to kill hogs when people were without food, to plow up one row out of every three in cotton, when millions did not have enough clothes. All this interference with God's own economic laws prolonged the depression for years when it would have cured itself automatically in a few months had God's law been allowed to take its effect.

Men may think that artificial regulation of economy is better than God's law of sowing and reaping, the law of supply and demand, but it is not. There is never any reason for scarcity, if we let God's laws work. There are always people who could buy normal amounts of food, and of grain, and of steel products and manufactured goods, if we let our market find its own level. There are always jobs to be done, at proper wages, relative to the need, if we allow wages to seek their proper level. Artificial pegging of standards that have no relation to God's laws are back of much of our troubles.

I am for high wages. I am for big production. I am for normal prices. But let goods sell for what they are worth. Let labor bring what it is worth. Keep the market open. Do not kill the labor market by closed shop. Do not kill the market for goods by pegged, high prices. Sometimes in emergency cases like as in war, there ought perhaps to be a top limit on wages and prices in an emergency. But that is the unusual thing, and even so it will soon adjust itself. Because the more demand there is for labor, the more labor-saving machines will be installed and more people will work. The more demand there is for any goods, the more of those goods will be supplied, to make a profit. God's economic laws, like all of God's laws, always work. Interference with these laws, or deliberately breaking these laws, always brings trouble.

It is true that Roosevelt and the New Deal administration did buy the votes of many people by "distributing the wealth" as these socialists called it. That means they took money from some who had earned it and gave it to others who had not earned it. Their motives were selfish in the main; they were simply buying votes and that philosophy fitted their craving to stay in power. But to teach that socialistic measures brought America out of the depression is silly and contrary to the facts. There would have been far more economic prosperity if men had simply followed God's laws of sup-

ply and demand, without such high taxes, without such extravagance and waste and red tape.

### 3. Class Hatred So Carefully Cultivated by New Dealers and Communists Is Wicked, Un-Christian and Un-American

Another terrible result of socialism is inevitable; that is, the setting of class against class. All this talk about "dirty capitalists," all this talk of "sweat shops," of "slave labor laws" (referring mendaciously to the Taft-Hartley Law) is wicked. All this setting up of a political party to get the votes of labor, to get the votes of farmers as opposed to other classes, is wicked. But that is essentially the doctrine of socialism and the method of socialism. One has a right to suspect the patriotism and the integrity of any man who sets out especially to say he is "for labor" or "for the farmers" or "for colored people," as if these groups or any other groups should have their champions, against the rest of the people. Why not just be for God and the country, and people everywhere? Why not just be an American and be for Americans? Why should not every man who goes to Congress, and every man who seeks the Presidency just be for the good of the whole of America? What is good for one is good for all of us. Anything that cripples one part of our nation cripples all of us eventually. To raise racial hate or class hate and to arouse enmity against management, against big business or little business, against capital, is essentially wicked and un-American. The man who encourages oppression of big business today will tomorrow be hurting small business and labor. The man who takes away the liberties of any of us will find his own liberties involved sooner or later. If President Truman can illegally seize the steel mills (private property, legitimate and scriptural according to the philosophy of the Bible), tomorrow he can seize your home or your car or your cow or the Sword of the Lord. Socialism necessarily means buying the votes of the people who have the most votes, by attacking the group that has the fewer votes. And that is wrong. It necessarily means higher taxes for people of more enterprise, more education, more hard work, or more genius, in order to buy the votes of people with lesser energy or lesser skill or lesser integrity.

In other words, socialism is essentially corrupt: It goes against God's laws, against Christianity, against the Bible, against true Americanism. It goes against the things that make for good character and prosperity. The corruption and waste and extravagance and debt of the New Deal are a part of the lack of principle involved. They are inevitable with socialism.

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